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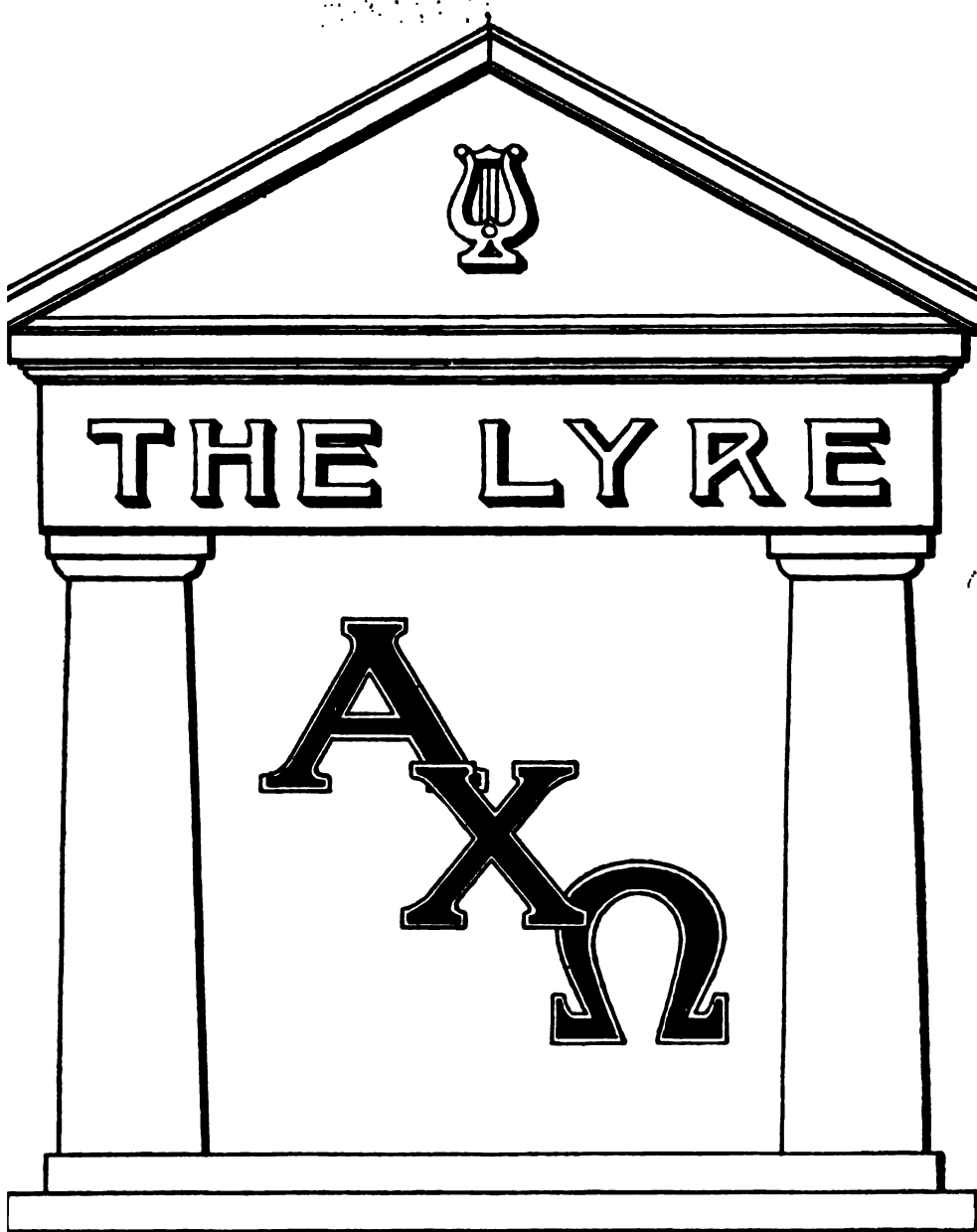
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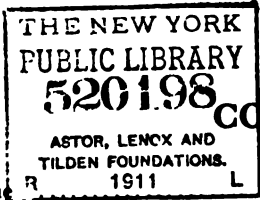
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Welcome

Although a welcome from Iota appeared in the July LYRE, our enthusiasm and desire for a large attendance cannot be repressed. Therefore, we urge you again to come.

It is our earnest desire to see this the largest and most enthusiastic convention in the history of our fraternity. We hope that every chapter will be represented, not only by active members, but by a large number of alumnae; and most of all, we want our founders. Those women who have worked so nobly for the upbuilding of our beloved fraternity.

For two years Iota has looked anxiously forward to November, 1908, and is now ready to give a most cordial welcome to her sisters from every chapter.

It is through our national convention that we are given an opportunity of gaining a broader knowledge and truer conception of our fraternity and of that for which it stands. May we not all unite to make the coming convention an epoch in the history of Alpha Chi Omega?

FRANK BUSEY.

CONVENTION PROGRAM.

TUESDAY, NOV. 24—

Transaction of business by Grand Council.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25—

Transaction of business by Grand Council.

Arrival of guests.

8 P. M. Informal gathering of all Alpha Chis at Chapter House, 309 E. John St., Champaign, Ill.

THURSDAY, NOV. 26—

- 10 A. M. Opening session of the convention.
- 2 P. M. Business session.
- 8 P. M. Reception and dance at College Hall, E. Green St.,
Champaign.

FRIDAY, NOV. 27—

- 9 A. M. Business session.
- 1:30 P. M. Convention picture to be taken at Chapter House.
- 2 P. M. Business session.
- 4:30 P. M. Model initiation.
- 8 P. M. Convention musical.

SATURDAY, NOV. 28—

- 10 A. M. Business session.
- 2 P. M. Closing session of the convention.
- 8 P. M. Convention banquet.

Our guests will also be entertained at a tea at the home of Mrs. Kaufman, one of our patronesses, as well as by town alumnae. The time of these, however, has not been definitely arranged.

CONVENTION INFORMATION.

HEADQUARTERS.—The chapter house, 309 E. John St., Champaign, will be convention headquarters, and business sessions will be held there.

ENTERTAINMENT.—The Grand Council and delegates will be entertained at the chapter house unless desiring to stop elsewhere. Lodging will be furnished for all other guests by town alumnae or at the home of other sororities, several of which have kindly offered us the use of their houses during convention week. Board may be had within two blocks of chapter house at twenty-five cents per meal. All those wishing accommodations are requested to notify Ruth Buffum, 309 E. John St., by November 7. Guests will be met upon reaching Champaign or Urbana, if road and time of arrival are sent.

BANQUET.—Banquet tickets will be \$2.50, and responses will please be sent to Susan Reed, 309 E. John St. Imo Baker, Iota, '05, will act as toastmistress. We hope to make this a fitting climax to the most successful convention ever held, and we want every guest to remain for it. Although it is on Saturday evening, all may reach home by the first of the week, as there are many trains out of Urbana and Champaign on Saturday night and Sunday over the Big Four, Wabash and Illinois Central.

INFORMATION.—Inquiries regarding anything which has not been made clear may be sent to Frank Busey, 811 W. Oregon St., Urbana.

DELEGATES

ALPHA—Edna Walters.	LAMBDA—Martha Lee.
BETA—Edna Newcomer, Florence Fall.	MU—Ethel McFadon.
GAMMA—Myrtle Jensen.	NU—Flora Goldsworthy.
DELTA—Louise Chase.	XI—Lilah David.
EPSILON—Katherine Asher.	OMRICON—Stella Morton, Grace Davenport,
ZETA—Evangeline Bridge.	ALPHA ALPHA—Cordelia Hanson, Kate Calkins.
THETA—Irene Connell.	BETA BETA—Mrs. J. R. Francis
IOTA—Ruth Buffum.	(Helen Dalrymple)
KAPPA—Marguerite Bower.	

The University of Illinois

The University of Illinois is claimed by the twin cities of Champaign and Urbana. The campus itself is within the corporate limits of Urbana—its western boundary being the division line between the two towns.

The University was incorporated in 1867 under the "land grant act," which was instrumental in establishing most of the western colleges. The first enrollment showed fifty students (all men), with a faculty consisting of the regent and three professors. Since that time the increase in attendance has been steady, until in 1908 the faculty numbers, approximately, 250, and the student body, 4,500, 3,300 of whom are at Urbana, the remainder being in the College of Medicine and of Dentistry, and the School of Pharmacy at Chicago. Women were admitted in 1870—there now being about 800 enrolled.

The campus is rectangular in shape and contains some twenty-three buildings, which house the College of Liberal Arts, Engineering, Agriculture, and Law; the School of Library, Science and of Music; and the Graduate School. Prominent among the newer building are the Auditorium, with a seating capacity of 2,200; the library—one of the most artistic buildings on the campus; and the Woman's Building, containing parlors adapted to the social life of the women of the University, and a gymnasium, with a swimming tank, shower baths, etc. The president's house is also on the campus, and back of it runs the "Boneyard," the small brook which is the terror of the Freshmen. At the extreme southern end lies the well-kept farm of 400 acres. The estimated value of the entire University property and assets is \$3,000,000.

The Y. M. C. A. has recently completed a very handsome building, opposite the campus, containing student living rooms, reading rooms and a cafe. The Y. W. C. A. occupies a less pretentious home not far away.

There are fourteen Greek letter fraternities and eight sororities—all national—besides a number of professional fraternities (among them, T B II, Σ X, and Φ B K), besides several local organizations. The Alpha Chi chapter house on John street is about five minutes' walk from the campus, and is in the midst of the fraternity colony.

Installation of Omicron Chapter

Another link has been forged in the chain that binds the west to the east, of Alpha Chi Omega. Omicron chapter was installed in Baker University at Baldwin, Kan., on September 17, 1908.

On that Thursday morning Baldwin was a happy surprise, for far from being situated on a treeless plain, it lies on and among lovely hills, covered with trees and wild sunflowers. The Kansas sun, with its emphatic beaming, showed no more warmth of welcome than did the girls of Nu Alpha, who were eagerly anticipating the new part they were soon to play as the members of Omicron chapter of Alpha Chi Omega. After a conference between Mrs. Tennant and the other installing delegate, which it was my privilege to be, came



MINERVA BRAGO	EULA SMITH	MAE DENNIS	EDITH BIDEAU	GRACE DAVENPORT
	BONNIDELL SISSON	ALETHA KELLY	STELL MORTON	BULLAM KINZER
EDNA PEARCE	ZULA GREEN	LAURA NICHOLSON		

OMICRON CHAPTER

luncheon, and the hours of enrollment in the University. During the latter, Mrs. Tennant and I were introduced to, and into the home of Mrs. Beaton, the patroness of Nu Alpha. I was royally entertained there and found the home one of exquisite taste and refinement, and an appropriate setting for Mrs. Beaton, who is a devoted woman of charming personality,—a companion, but one whose dignity and experience is invaluable to the chapter. The girls appreciate her and we join with them in being gratified that she is to be a patroness of Omicron.

At four-thirty, twenty girls took the pledge and put on the colors, and at eight in the evening came the initiation. To add to the sweet and pleasant memories of the occasion, it was held in the parlors of the house which has been the home of the girls for a number of years. For two delegates to initiate twenty girls was something of a task, but it was truly a labor of love, and with the assistance of Miss Bideau and Miss Smith, we were able to have the music.

As Mrs. Tennant and I placed pins on these loyal girls, the happy faces attested that we were not the only ones who were glad that Nu Alpha has found a place for herself in a national Greek letter fraternity.

Impressively, the ceremony was finished, and the next half hour was spent examining the pin and discussing all that had been seen and heard since they had entered the mystic portal of Alpha Chi Omega. As they are passing to the dining room, let me introduce these twenty girls of whom you may be justly proud. They are Misses Edith Bideau, Minerva Bragg, Grace Davenport, Mae Dennis, Zula Green, Aletha Kelly, Beulah Kinzer, Stell Morton, Edna Nicholson, Edna Pearce, Bonnidell Sisson, Eula Smith, Mrs. Bertha Gasaway Case, Miss Blanche Davenport, Mrs. Marie Moorhead Ebright, Mrs. A. Haggart, Misses Birdean Motter, Vera Simpson, Eva Simpson, and Blanche Wakefield.

The dining room was a pretty place, with the table spread with all the tempting viands that make up an informal supper; indeed, the whole house has a comfortable air of home, yet is cheery with pennants and such souvenirs as are appropriate to college rooms. Mrs. Beaton graced this occasion as she did the banquet on the fol-

lowing evening. You may be sure the night air was made to ring with enthusiastic songs and yells, by the Alpha Chis gathered around that table.

Friday began early with chapel service at eight, in which the visiting delegates were allowed to have a part. The chapel is an interesting room in one of the older buildings, which remind one that Baker is an old and very well established University. After chapel came conferences with Dr. Porter, dean of women, and heads of departments, where we found interest and friendliness toward the entrance of the fraternity into the school.

Through the courtesy of Mrs. Wood, the librarian, and a patroness of Tri-Delta, we drove out over "the big hill," with its picturesque roads and fine view. During the drive I had opportunity of making the acquaintance of Mrs. Murlin, the wife of the President of Baker, at whose home Mrs. Tennant was entertained. Mrs. Murlin is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, and has shown a kindly interest in the installation of Omicron chapter.

Friday afternoon we had a business meeting, and discussed and explained ceremonies, proceedings and the constitution, for an hour, then made an adjournment to Saturday. From three to six the house was opened for a large reception to the chapters of other fraternities there represented, viz: Tri-Delta, Delta Tau Delta and Kappa Sigma; one or two locals, the faculty members and friends.

With the music from a concealed orchestra, the fragrance and the beauty of the flowers, which had been sent to the girls, the coolness and refreshment to be had in the dining room, and the evident enjoyment of the guests, the function was a success.

I wish I could give you more than a word picture of the scene, and good time afforded by the banquet. The hall was lovely with great boughs of autumn leaves, which the girls had gathered in the very early hours of the day, and lovingly intertwined were the green and white of Nu Alpha and the scarlet and olive of Alpha Chi. Twenty-four of us sat down to the long, well-appointed, candle-lighted table, and after such a day, we needed no urging to do justice to the delicious dinner served. The hour was truly one of "sacrifice to inner man."

Miss Sisson was toastmistress and in her happy manner called for responses. In "De Pauw's Gift," Mrs. Tennant gave a brief history of the fraternity, told the new chapter what the gift had meant to hundreds of girls, and what the fraternity looked for from them in return. "Nu Alpha" was responded to by Miss Bessie Boughton, who was a charter member of that organization. The contrast between then and now, as set forth by Miss Boughton, was highly interesting and amusing, and splendidly told.

Mrs. Ebright toasted "Dreams and Realities," further recalling incidents in the life of Nu Alpha, and in speaking of happiness in the present reality, paid a fine tribute to Mrs. Loud and her visit to them last spring. Her toast closed with the following:

(With Apologies to Leigh Hunt and About Ben Adhem.)

The Nu Alpha girls (may their tribe increase!)
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,
And saw beneath the gas light of their room,
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,
A woman, on her breast a harp of gold.
A telegram had made these maidens bold,
And, to the President in the room, they said,
"What writest thou?" The President raised her head,
And with a look from out her dark blue eyes,
Answered, "the names of those that are Alpha Chis!"
"And is ours there?" they asked—"nay, not so,"
Replied the President. The Nu Alphas spake more low,
But cheerily still; and said: "Then, we pray thee,
Write us as those who wish to be,"
The President smiled and vanished. The next night
She came again, with a great wakening light,
And read the names of those who had won
And lo! Nu Alphas name was Omicron!

Miss Green responded to "The Object in View," and impressed us with the unity and sincere purpose of the girls.

"The Girls of Alpha Chi" was my large and overwhelming subject. What I might have said, had not the sand in the hour glass been rapidly flowing, could be contained only in a library.

Miss Kelly read the congratulatory letters and telegrams, and with songs and good wishes for many happy returns of that anniversary, we parted—not for the night, but for the few hours until day.

Saturday the Tri-Delta girls entertained Omicron chapter, their own and her patroness, and a few friends, at their spacious home.

Plans were laid for a Pan-Hellenic meeting the following week. The material at Baker is excellent, and with over three hundred girls in school, there seems to be no reason why at least one more national should not be welcome.

On Saturday, too, came the adjourned business meeting and the first chapter initiation, that of Miss Boughton, and after that—departure! My only regret of those three days was that I might not accept the invitation to remain over Sunday, as Mrs. Tennant did.

I could tell you so much more of these girls to whom I was so sorry to say good-bye, their representation on the faculty of the school, and the notable talent of some of the girls along different lines.

The knowledge of personal acquaintance with them, the goodly friendship between them and toward them, and the inspiration of having been a factor in adding this desirable new life to the fraternity is a possession much prized.

KATE L. CALKINS.

Baker University

The present year is to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Baker University. In 1858, during the early days when Kansas was as yet a territory, the University was chartered and located near the old town of Palmyra, which is closely associated with the historical memories of John Brown, but which has since been called Baldwin. The University was named in honor of Bishop Osman C. Baker. It was the first college established west of the Mississippi on the far-reaching prairies of the central west. It was in the days of the tall Indian-grasses and the road of sun flowers, but today it is near the center of the most vastly populated and commercial sections of the country, and in total attendance, size and strength of the college department, Baker University ranks among the foremost colleges south and west of Chicago, and stands eighth among the fifty or more colleges of American Methodism.



Baldwin, the town where the college is located, is a place of 1,600 inhabitants. It is built about the college campus, the very center of the thought and life of the inhabitants. The citizens work in the closest harmony with the faculty for the highest good to the students. The woods and fields about the town are surprising in richness of beauty. Bishop Quayle is the devotee of its work and "quiet places." Here is his "farm," and all who have read "God's Out of Doors" or "The Prairie and the Sea" have a knowledge of the very scenes and places in and around Baldwin.

The campus is twenty acres of beautiful trees, grown large and tall since the early days of the state. Two of the buildings are heavy with the ivy of years. The one building, Science Hall, is four stories in height, and besides the chemical, physical and biological laboratories, contains the Art Studio, Museum and the oldest literary society halls; the other, Centenary Hall, is the building of Modern and Ancient Languages. In this building is located the Chapel and Auditorium.

The new library, finished within the last year, is one of the most modern and perfectly constructed buildings for library purposes in the state. Besides the large stack rooms, and beautiful reading and research rooms, which comprise the south wing of the building, the library also contains the departments of English History, Pedagogy and Philosophy, and well equipped seminary rooms for each department.

The Conservatory of Music is an attractive little building. The unprecedented growth of the department of music during the past few years made evident the necessity of a separate building. It was under these conditions that the new Conservatory was formally opened in the fall of 1907. The original purpose of the department was to encourage the study of music as a part of a liberal education. This purpose has been strictly adhered to throughout the history of the department. In the last twenty years the course has been carefully graded and the plan is that of the best European and American conservatories. The general advantages of the Conservatory are very superior. Baker University has one of the best college bands and college orchestras in this part of the state. The Baker Oratorio Asso-

ciation is one of the most aggressive and most highly appreciated organizations of its kind in this section of the country. Other than the study of high-grade choruses, at least one standard cantata or oratorio is taken up by the association each year.

The new Gymnasium now in process of erection, when completed, will be one of the largest buildings, covering an area of one hundred and fifty square feet. The building is also to accommodate different offices, recitation rooms and Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. rooms.

In athletics, Baker University has ranked excellently. The basketball team has almost a national reputation, and in nearly every line of athletics in which the college has been represented, the students have largely distinguished themselves.

The society of the University is a proof of its strong and splendid influence over the moral and intellectual life of the students. It is regulated and governed by the rules of the college. Fraternity life is prominent and exists in the college in the true and highly creditable relation to the student body—that of leadership in morals, scholarship and social intercourse. There are two national fraternities, $\Delta T \Delta$ and $K \Sigma$, and one national fraternity, $\Delta \Delta \Delta$, besides two local fraternities and one local sorority, all of which have excellent material to draw from, the enrollment being 1,000.

The Faculty consists of Lemuel H. Murlin, S. T. B., D. D., President; Charles S. Parmenter, Ph. D.; Oswan G. Markham, A. M.; Wm. C. Bauer, B. S.; Harman J. Hoover, S. T. B., Ph. D.; Willard H. Garret, B. S.; Walter M. Patton, B. D., Ph. D.; Homer K. Ebright, A. M., B. D.; Donald J. Cowling, A. M., B. D.; Alfred E. Leach; Henry C. Yoxall; Helen G. Jones, Ph. D.; Alice Porter, Ph. D.; Lillian Scott, Ph. B., fourteen instructors; and in the Conservatory, Robert G. McCutchan, Mus. B.; John J. Landsburg, Mus. B.; James B. Martin, Mus. B., and Eula B. Smith.

The East has often been surprised with the West, and the matter of Western college endowments is one of these surprises. Capitalists and many educators of the East cannot understand how Western colleges maintain themselves through the associate conferences, many of them having very small or no endowments. Baker Univer-



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sity at the present time represents in buildings, equipment and endowment an investment of \$300,000, but the generous support given by the co-operating conferences is equal to the income of an endowment of over \$300,000. The amount from this is gradually increasing each year. This fact distinguishes western colleges from those of the east and is an expression of the aggressiveness of the west and the broad spirit of education that is widely disseminated through this western country.

"Primum Vir Esto" are the words on the Baker seal. We hear much today that America has lost in ideals, while she has gained in commercialism. Mathew Arnold said of American universities: "They are institutions built on a misconception of what culture truly is, and calculate to produce specialists, not sweetness and light." But Baker University has stood well to its standards and has not only on its honor roll some of the most prominent educators and clergymen, but statesmen and men of wealth and commercial genius.

ALETHA S. KELLY, O.

History of Nu Alpha

Nu Alpha was organized in 1889. During the twenty years of its organization it has initiated 121 members. Thirty-five of this number are graduates of the University. A large percentage have been students in the Conservatory.

Nu Alpha has always felt the need of a house for the girls and has maintained one for the last six years. During the last two years the chapter has had one of the most modern and pleasant houses in Baldwin for sorority purposes.

In their college life the girls have always aimed at a broad and Christian spirit toward all the girls in the University, and also at leadership as far as possible in every phase of college life. There are three Literary Societies for women in the University. The girls have from the first been almost equally divided between the two oldest and most thoroughly organized societies, namely, the Aelionian and Clioian. Eva Clayton Cook was president of the Aelionian Society during the spring semester of last year, and Miss Laura

Nicholson is at present president of the Clionian Society. During the last years when the literary societies were represented in the commencement program, Nu Alpha held the distinction of being represented from one or the other of the societies for six consecutive years.

In other lines of college work, such as the Athletic Association, the Lecture Bureau, the Oratorical Association and the Y. W. C. A. cabinet, the sorority has been well represented. Ivy Riley Farrar was president of the Y. W. C. A. during the year 1907-8.

Nu Alpha has always striven to be original and unique as far as possible in the social side of her organization. For several years it has been the custom to give a farce at our annual formal party. It is largely due to the cleverness and adaptability of one of our own girls that the small plays have been arranged and presented from year to year. At commencement time, we give a breakfast in honor of the Senior girls and visitors at that time. After the Christmas holidays it was once the custom to have "a large spread" among ourselves, but in the last year it has become a banqueting time for which many invitations are sent out.

At present in Baker University there is an enrollment of three hundred girls. It is estimated that 75 per cent of this number affords splendid material from which the two sororities may draw. Nu Alpha has been very conservative, yet at the same time cosmopolitan in her consideration of girls. The chapter has averaged from sixteen to twenty girls a year, and at present the homes of three of the girls are in Baldwin.

Initiation in the fraternities is deferred by college regulations until the applicant has finished a semester of work in a Literary Societies and has a fair average in the course of studies pursued.

Since organization in 1889, Nu Alpha has desired to be associated with a good national Fraternity. But at that time and except within the last ten years the endowment of the University was not such as to warrant our efforts for a national chapter of our choice. However, in the last few years, Baker University has grandly proved itself worthy of rank among the foremost of western universities. During these years of growth and marked prosperity, Nu Alpha has



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had its share of recognition. The national committee from time to time has thoroughly investigated the standing of many well established fraternities, but at no time has Nu Alpha petitioned for a national chapter except in the last year to the National Fraternity of Alpha Chi Omega. When Nu Alpha as a whole had become thoroughly acquainted with the high standing of Alpha Chi Omega, and had met some of its representative women, there was no question to us but that we had at last found the society of our desired standing and ideals. In the new bond we do not feel that all things have changed, but that all which was lovely and true and of good report in the history of Nu Alpha has found the goal of its honest efforts in Alpha Chi Omega. We long to move forward with Alpha Chi in this bond and be with her the truest and most womanly expression of sisterhood in the land.

ALETHA S. KELLY, O.

The Alumnae Field

One commencement day more than twenty years ago, the first Alpha Chi was graduated and became an alumna of her chapter. That day seed was sown in this field and the process of cultivation begun. Some harvests have been gathered, but the process must be repeated and improved.

This article assumes little originality, but is the result of interest in, and discussion of, the subject, and the offering of some suggestions gathered from others equally interested.

There are obstacles in the way of cultivation very apparent among them, localism, indifference and inactivity.

What do we need—loyalty to the active chapter? Yes and no. The very chapter life, the close and personal friendship made there and the active part one plays in her chapter interests, insure and instill that. I discount that in no way, but it is to be regretted that with some alumnae, that crowds out interest and enthusiasm for other chapters and for the fraternity as a whole.

What would you think if a member of Kappa Kappa Alumnae chapter should speak of the membership as the Tau alumnae, when you know that in truth, that membership was composed of alumnae

from several chapters, or that any of those members who happened to be Tau alumnae would fail to welcome to membership an alumna from another chapter?

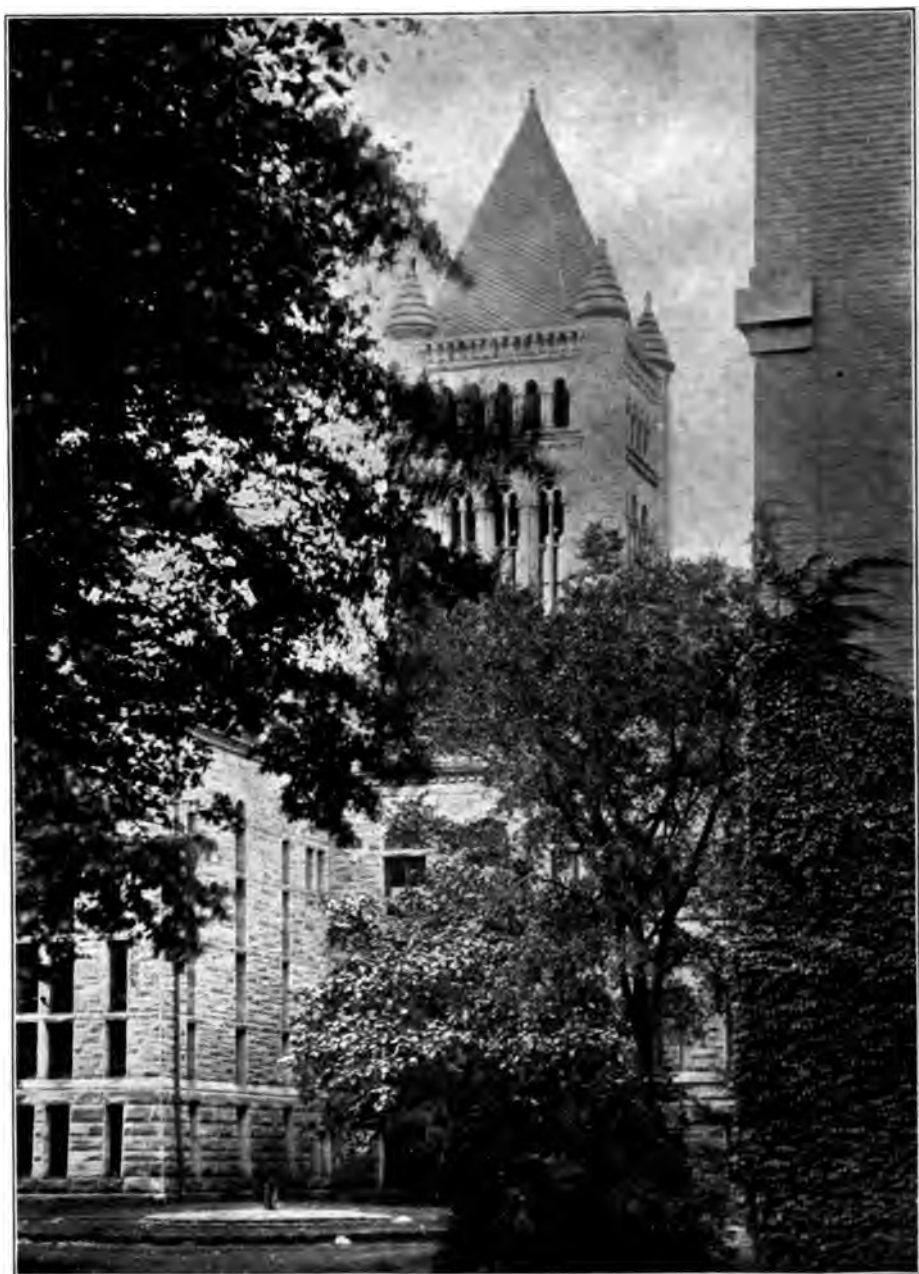
Such localism is out of place in an alumnae chapter, while it might be turned to splendid loyalty in a Tau Alumnae Club. These clubs have been suggested with wisdom. Many things may be done for a chapter, by an association of its alumnae, that alumnae chapters with their larger interests may not do. Here, I should like to remind you again of the silver loving cup offered as a scholarship reward by the alumnae of Iota chapter of Alpha Phi. This is a suggestion along one line, and there are many others.

That an alumnae chapter should become the especial friend and aid of her nearest active chapter, is natural and commendable, but with care as to the spirit of giving and taking and caution against monopoly on either side.

Indifference to fraternity is widely displayed in lack of interest in the organ of the fraternity. I have been told that the names of even some of the officers of alumnae chapters do not appear on the subscription list! What idea can they have of the needs, deeds and progress of the fraternity, or where do they gather food for thought to give to their work for it? Indifference is a sink-hole and should be marked "Unsafe." Neither is this a plea for the journal, but rather a friendly solicitation for the good of this would-be worker, who hampers herself and who is, I fear, just the one who is not reading this No. 1, Vol. XII, of the LYRE of Alpha Chi Omega.

Inactivity is probably more the result of a lack of working plans than lack of interest. This fraternity has now, at a conservative estimate, one thousand members. The active chapters furnish two hundred of this number. Out of the remaining eight hundred much less than half are members of alumnae chapters. Where are the others? Here is the first step in the work—to find and gather in these "drifters."

Alumnae secretaries from the chapters, with an organization of such secretaries or correspondents, under a general Alumnae Secretary or Advisor, to keep names and trace of alumnae, to aid in catalogues and directories; issuing of yearly circular letters contain-



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ing chapter and general fraternity news, to all alumnae; letters from alumnae to active chapters concerning prospective students; an alumnae department in the official organ, with regularly appointed reporters; more frequent meetings, both formal and informal, beside the monthly luncheons, of the alumnae chapters, and a definite line of work; a more general observance of anniversary and red-letter days; these are some of the plans that are interesting those in whose fraternity they are not already successful working plans.

If you were a stranger in a strange land, would not a girl wearing a kite or a key or an arrow, or any emblem of a sister fraternity, look like a sister to you, wearing a lyre? Of course she would, for through continued loyalty and interest in one's own fraternity, the larger ties that bind the fraternity world, mean to an alumna, what chapter ties mean to an active.

It is my impression that more complete alumnae organization is to be one of the absorbing questions at convention, and I trust some further interest has been aroused among individuals to offer their mental and physical strength in this field of work.

AN ALUMNA, '01

How They Knew

Two girls were sitting on the davenport in a sorority house watching the arrival of the guests. It was the tenth of June, and on that afternoon was to occur the annual reunion of the chapter. They were very interesting to watch—these two Freshmen—but they were quite unaware of the animated picture they made as they leaned against the cushions. Alice was tall and fair, while Agnes was short and plump, and about her mouth the dimples were ever playing hide-and-seek.

It was a very important day, a day long anticipated, and they were eager to have even a slight part in the festivities. They were but newly pledged, and in the unaccustomed surroundings they felt all the strangeness of children who should be "seen and not heard." They had heard so much about the reunion, and as the girls had talked about some of the alumnae who had been popular and prominent in college life, they were more than curious to see them.

The room was rapidly filling, and from their quiet corner they saw one after another enter and receive a cordial greeting. Some of the old girls seemed just as jolly as the Juniors and no more sedate, certainly, than the Seniors. Alice had heard that an alumna who was a famous literary woman was to be present, and she wondered if she would be able to recognize her from the picture of the Pleiad staff; while Agnes, whose brother was a tennis champion at Harvard and who had taught her how to place a ball, was more interested in discovering which alumna was the one who had won out in the tournament three years in succession. "Do you suppose that is she?" each asked the other, as one guest after another was met with a glad welcome.

"I've an idea," Agnes suddenly exclaimed, and without more explanation, disappeared into the other room. Alice waited her return with no small degree of expectancy, for her chum was noted for her resourcefulness. In a moment she re-appeared with a large book in her arms, and Alice's questioning glance changed to one of comprehension. "Oh!" she exclaimed, and without more ado they began to devour its pages. It was the sorority memory book. They were clippings, kodak views, programs, invitations, place cards and all sorts of souvenirs characteristic of college life.

It was by no means a new book to them. During the past few weeks it had been shown them many a time while an entertaining hostess explained about the good times their crowd always had when together, what honors had been won, who had attained distinction in the "Quill Club," or had been on the Y. W. C. A. cabinet, which had been elected to class offices, and who had been members of the Student Senate. In no other way had they been so fully impressed with the all-around character of these sorority girls. And now as they turn the pages they are able to recognize more than once some alumna who photo was in the book, and it was wonderfully interesting to read what she had done while in college. Snatches of conversation drifted to them as they sat in their nook. "Do you remember that first ——?" "What a grand time we ——!" "—— up at Newburg by the falls ——."

"There she is!" exclaimed Agnes, as they came to the kodak picture of the tennis game on the court by the Grove, and even at that



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moment there entered an athletic girl, whose alert manner indicated that her practice in following the ball had but served to make her more keen in following other pursuits in life. "They say," Agnes continued, "that she won out at the Woman's College, and surprised the Eastern girls, for they thought the girls from the 'Wild West' couldn't do much."

Later in the afternoon, as a few of the alumnae were lingering over the tea-cups, one was heard to remark: "What a delightful reunion this has been! We have always had jolly times before, but somehow this has been different. Everyone has been so cordial, and it has been more than the conventional "Pleased to meet you" when we have been introduced to the new girls. Why, when I met a couple of Freshmen a while ago, they acted as though they already knew me, though I am sure we never have met."

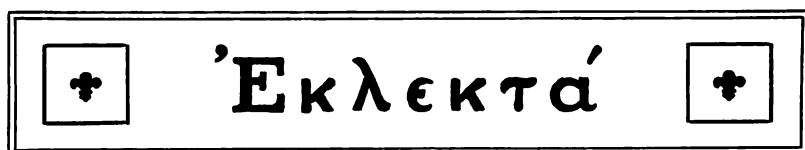
"That is easily explained," said an active girl who joined the group in time to hear the last sentence. "Though you have been absent, you have not been forgotten. Haven't you heard about our scrap book? It was started since you graduated, I believe. There it is, over by the window. I'm sure you would enjoy seeing it."

An interested group gathered about the bulky volume. "Well, if there isn't a picture of our masquerade! Do you remember how those three couples dressed in colonial costume and danced the "stately minuet?" A quiet little woman beside her said nothing, but she noticed with a thrill of pleasure an account on the opposite page of her winning first honors in history.

"Look, girls! there's the last reunion picture taken on the veranda!" "Ha, ha!" "When was Ellen Beach Yaw here?—Wasn't that lovely of her?" "Did you ever! There's the faculty group! Weren't we proud when we had three alumnae on the faculty? Guess that Trixie is more interested in Mother Goose melodies now than in Greek verbs!" "What's that postal of Rome? So? I did not hear of her trip abroad!" "Why didn't I save my souvenirs when I was in college? I had almost forgotten about that Christmas tree and I am sure there are many vague memories that it would be delightful to recall—like Wordsworth's Daffodils."

"Ready? Yes, I'm coming in a minute."

MARY LUCINDA PERINE, B.



Co-Operation

Somewhere I have heard it said that "Together is the watchword of twentieth century civilization." At any rate we know that never before in history has co-operation formed the basis of great enterprises to the extent that it does now.

Men band themselves together to share alike the burdens, the responsibilities and the benefit of their associated effort. Multiplied societies are formed for the definite purpose of united effort in a special direction. In every case the success of the work undertaken depends on the certainty that every man will do his duty—that every man will carry his own share of responsibility.

It is the growth of this very power that has made fraternities possible and has given them their great impulse. A college fraternity is an impossibility among undeveloped races just as it was in our own race in primitive times. We are learning to do "team-work."

In our fraternity we hold an ideal opportunity for perfecting this spirit of unity. Indeed, our whole purpose demands it. Based on implicit confidence and fullest allegiance, our ideal breaks down in a most fatal place if we fail in unity. We think of it as being largely a unity of sympathies, and so it is, but we should never make the mistake of overlooking the strictly practical features of our oneness. A body that is truly one can have no interests peculiar to a single part alone. The burdens and the blessings of the whole body must fall equally on all, and the failure or incompleteness of one member must work injury to all.

This should be our constant care in our chapter life, to see that every girl is learning to carry her share of the responsibility—learning to uphold by her personal effort, the honor and worth of

the chapter. The upper class girls are not doing enough for the Freshmen and Sophomores, if they have taught them nothing more than that their fraternity is strong and worthy to be loved. That fraternity has not fulfilled its duty to those girls until each has learned that she has a part to play, an individual, characteristic place to fill which she cannot disregard.

And then the Grand Council! Do not our chapters often crowd them with unnecessary burdens, simply by our failure to respond readily and cheerfully to their calls? How many of the trying places in our work would be relieved by a little more co-operation.

Now there has nothing been said here that we did not all know already. But have we fully realized that the secret of it lies in ourselves? The unity which we seek and which we must have, is not a charm that will steal over us when we take the name of $\Lambda \times \Omega$. The influence of association will count for wonders indeed, but after all, it is a work that must be accomplished in each individual girl, and for which she is mainly responsible. It is a lesson for life and one that we will need whatever place we fill, that,

"The roots of Humanity are so inextricably intertwined, that we must grow together if we grow at all. Every warp and canker tells upon the whole."

Let us not by our carelessness or failure, limit the power that our fraternity might be to us in fitting us all for our real life—noble and strong.

CARRIE MCFADON, M.

A Fable

Once upon a time, long ago, there was a Boarding School. Now, being a progressive Boarding School, the inmates thereof desired to be self-governing. After much labor and many vicissitudes, the Faculty was forced to abdicate and the School rejoiced greatly, saying: "So! we are self-governing." But the Seniors, burdened much with care for the new System, constituted themselves a Committee for the Preservation of Character in the School. Whereupon their younger and giddier Schoolmates smiled cheerfully and dubbed them the Conduct Committee.

In the first bloom of its existence the Committee thrived. The Underclassmen stood in proper awe of the new Authority. But when in the Course of Events the same Underclassmen failed to perform the Wicked Deeds expected, the Committee grew restive. It met at least once a Week, talked Itself into Indignation, and proceeded to "Call." It "called" if the Conversation at table were too animated or too scarce; It "called" if the Juniors had a Joke without Its august Self; It "called" Everyone for Everything and Nothing. A "Call" from the Conduct Committee became a joke.

Now certain of the Oppressed in that School possessed themselves of a Mighty Power, even the Power of a Cheerful Smile and Ready Tongue. Long they lay in wait for an Opportune Moment, and when at last the Moment came, they were not found Wanting. The Table made merry over the Conduct Committee, even the Faculty smiled discreetly, while the Seniors writhed on the Fire of Ridicule. At least once a day the Treatment was administered until the Committee ceased to operate. Did It cease to exist? No, indeed. It began to Co-operate. Instead of dwelling in lofty Exclusiveness It began to fraternize with the Juniors, saying: "We are all Upperclassmen." It lustily "rah! rah'd!" at Basketball Games under a Sophomore Cheerleader. It even went on Picnics and played Jacks with the Freshmen. When Circumstances demanded, It "called." In a few well-chosen words It "called," and all the School stood back of It. The Conduct Committee had found Itself and great was the Prosperity of that School.

All of which, Alpha Chi Sisters, is a fable, but, like all fables, it has a moral: It is just one way of saying "Don't." The "Don't" is for all classes. Whoever, wherever you may be, if you find yourself operating on the principle that the girl next you has "no health in her," don't operate any more—Co-operate.

In the words of Fra Elbertus, "Here endeth the preachment."

HELEN CUNNINGHAM, A.



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Idealism in Fraternity Life

Sentiment, a form of idealism, is a potent factor in the practical world today, prosperity and adversity depend upon it to a great extent, wars have been won by its intensity.

In the life of the family idealism must play a great part, for upon devotion to, and reverence of, an ideal does the *beauty* of family life depend.

Just so is the life of the fraternity. In the light of idealism *alone* is founded the deepest and most profitable friendship and sisterhood in the world. If you love anything well enough, you see possibilities for its growth as well as the actual achievements of the present.

In this way we should idealize our fraternity, seeing it in the light of its intentions, possibilities and aims for a noble future. We should overlook the fault of the hour, whether in the individual, chapter or whole fraternity.

Upon the individual depends the success of the fraternity and so we will focus our gaze upon her. It is the attitude one takes toward life and one's fellowman that counts as much as the achievement of a great deed. We all have ideals that encompass us, greater than we ever expect to attain to yet. It is by these alone that we reach the great and noble in life. Let us all be idealists in that we are capable of the most loyal friendships and highest love for one another.

HARRIET BARDWELL, Ξ.

The Fraternity and the Individual

We frequently read amid the glowing letters of chapter correspondents, something like the following: "We have five new sisters to introduce. They are typical Zeta Alphas,"—or Beta Nus, as the case may be,—"and we are very proud of them." Whereupon we are led to ponder whether there is such a thing as a sorority type or not.

Every fraternity woman knows that unity, or harmony, conditions the success of a chapter,—success, that is, in the truest sense,

shaping each girl to her best, for the honor of her fraternity and the blessing of the outside world. Unity means the proper balance and relation of each part with every other part, and an exquisite harmony which breathes through it all—fusing, vitalizing, beautifying. Now, although all chapters of one sorority are actuated by the same central influences, and exist together in harmony, it is well known that different chapters may, by themselves, stand for widely different things; scholarship and Y. W. C. A. at one university, society of the most exclusive type, at another. However, narrowing to the consideration of an individual chapter, it would seem at first thought that a corresponding latitude would be disastrous: that chapter unity could not be sustained with material of radically different nature. Assume, for illustration, a few girls who are characterized as “dear,” some who are clever and striking, a few who are fine, sincere, earnest along religious lines, some who are grinds and secretly bored by rushing parties, and lastly, a handful whom everyone votes charming, who go to the Prom with popular men, cut classes the next morning, and cram wildly for the cruelly inevitable exams:—assume these, and you say at once, that the chapter will be composed of cliques, unable to comprehend each other’s ideals, or sympathize with each other’s pleasures.

However, we must consider, that congeniality does not imply similarity. The pleasure of association, independence in thought and action, knowledge of human nature, what to expect of it, and how to deal with it; tact, breadth and sympathy in one’s outlook on life,—all these come ONLY through contact with different individualities, and life with girls of similar tastes, ambitions, and deportment, gives none of them. The greatest charm which a girl can possess is individuality; a natural, free expression of an individual self. Most of us are so much alike that the world is very monotonous. When each girl develops fully in her own way, so that she has some original thing to do and say, in a fresh, natural way, chapter life becomes a thousand-fold more interesting and stimulating. A chapter whose members are assimilated into a type, is in danger either of stagnation or excess.

This is a plea against the “typical” Beta Nu. The highest ideal



IOTA CHAPTER

Mary Goss. Pauline Drake. Bertha Bourdette. Rhoda Rheinhardt. Cora Van Galder. Helen Wallace. Marie Seebach.
 Jessie Mann. Grace Ewing. Percie Garnett. Irene Burrill. Pearl Shipley.
 Charlotte Baker. Susan Reed. Pearl Swanberg. Mable Stone. Bess Rose. Elizabeth Wyeth. Fay LeNeve.
 Emily Ficklin. Gladys Breckeuridge. Ruth Buffum. Lucy Lewis.

which fraternity life can fulfill is to open the delightful paths of freedom and self-poise; to create that breadth of vision which comprehends where it cannot sympathize; in short, to develop, not a "typical" fraternity girl, but an individual woman, full of budding possibilities, broadened, strengthened and made lovely by the pin she wears.

OLIVE CHRISTINE MORRIS, A.

Announcements

Chapters are requested to bring to convention, their college and chapter pennants, group pictures and scrap book. FORGET NOT!

Alpha Chis, both active and alumnae, who cannot attend Convention, are invited to be present by letter or telegram.

Requirements for 'Εκλεκτά' will be announced at convention.

Subscribers to the LYRE are requested to notify the editor at once whenever their mailing address is changed, as much confusion and trouble is caused by the omission of this simple duty. The LYRE is mailed to the last address given, and the editor cannot be responsible for non-receipt of magazines if such address is changed without notification.

If your subscription expires with this number, do not delay sending in your renewal immediately, as only one month intervenes between this and the January issue, which means that the mailing lists must be revised very early. In order to secure the January number, send in your renewal today while you think of it.

Fraternity pins and novelties will be on sale at Convention.

"The New Alpha Chi Song Book," Third Edition. Price \$1.00 per copy, postpaid. Twelve new, original songs, and as many more adaptations. Address, Mrs. R. B. Dennis, 720 Clark street, Evanston, Ill.

Alpha Chi Directory, 25c per copy. Address Miss Mabel Siller, 716 Clark street, Evanston, Ill.

Report of Seventh Intersorority Conference

FIRST SESSION.

The Seventh Intersorority Conference was called to order Friday, September 11, 1908, at 3 p. m., by Miss A. W. Lytle, Pi Beta Phi, presiding officer. Miss L. P. Green, Kappa Alpha Theta, acted as secretary.

The following delegates presented credentials and were duly enrolled:

PI BETA PHI.—Miss A. W. Lytle, State Normal School, Lewiston, Idaho.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA.—Miss L. P. Green, 15 East Avenue, Ithaca, N. Y.

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA.—Miss Edith Stoner, 1529 Wabash Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

DELTA GAMMA.—Miss Margarethe Sheppard, 225 Greenwood Boulevard, Evanston, Ill.

ALPHA PHI.—Mrs. C. A. McElroy, 153 East Fifty-fourth street, Chicago, Ill.

GAMMA PHI BETA.—Miss Laura Hutchins, Marengo, Ill.

ALPHA CHI OMEGA.—Mrs. Richard Tennant, 824 South Fifth street, Terre Haute, Ind.

DELTA DELTA DELTA.—Mrs. E. N. Parmelee, 755 Greenleaf Avenue, Rogers Park, Chicago, Ill.

ALPHA XI DELTA.—Mrs. J. R. Leib, 1271 West Washington street, Springfield, Ill.

CHI OMEGA.—Miss Jobelle Holcombs, Fayetteville, Ark.

SIGMA KAPPA.—Mrs. K. B. Miller, 379 East Fifty-sixth street, Chicago, Ill.

ALPHA OMICRON PI.—Mrs. C. G. Bigelow, 172 South Francisco street, Chicago, Ill.

The minutes of the Sixth Intersorority Conference were read and approved.

Each delegate presented a report upon the action of her fraternity on subjects of Intersorority interest; Pan-Hellenic difficulties and suggestions for future Intersorority co-operation.

Motion carried that the chair appoint a committee on recommendations to which all recommendations in reports should be referred. Committee—Miss Sheppard, Delta Gamma; Miss Stoner, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Then followed the report of Miss Smith, Pi Beta Phi, secretary of the Conference, 1907-08. Her summary of the year's work follows:

1. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

During the year just closing, the advance in inter-fraternity relations has been manifest in two noteworthy instances. First, no complaint or Pan-Hellenic difficulty has been brought to the notice of the Secretary of the Intersorority Conference for investigation. Second, no group of chapters has applied for admission to the Conference.

Eight hundred copies of the report of the Sixth Intersorority Conference were printed and distributed.

Soon after the Sixth Conference, the Pan-Hellenic Association of Michigan sent to the secretary a statement of the position of Sorosis, together

with a request for special dispensation. The secretary sent to the grand presidents the following query: "Are you willing to grant a special dispensation to your chapter at the University of Michigan, allowing them to pledge senior high school girls?" All eight grand presidents concerned agreed to grant the dispensation for the college year 1907-08. The Pan-Hellenic at Michigan was then notified that a special dispensation was granted it until the Seventh Intersorority Conference convened.

Representatives of the Intersorority Conference were invited to meet with the Conference of Deans of Women in State Universities for one session, Friday afternoon, December 20. Each fraternity was notified of the meeting and sent a representative when possible. (A report of this joint meeting appears elsewhere in this report.)

The question of pledge day seems by no means settled, some schools which have had a late pledge day even agreeing to try matriculation day for next year. In view of the difference of opinion upon this question and considering how thoroughly the matter has been discussed, one delegate makes a timely suggestion that attention be turned to the amelioration of faulty conditions common to all fraternities.

According to the direction of the Sixth Conference, Miss Thompson compiled and distributed a report on the present condition of Pan-Hellenics in the United States, a most valuable article for the use of all chapters.

Later a letter was written to inform alumnae more definitely in regard to the purposes of Intersorority. Four hundred copies of this were printed and distributed.

As directed by the Sixth Conference, the secretary has printed 200 blanks for presenting matters for the vote of grand presidents.

The Secretary has had constant demand for the names of secretaries of Pan-Hellenics. She has printed 500 blanks to be filled with name, address and fraternity of Pan-Hellenic secretary. These blanks were sent to colleges and returned, so that there is now on file for the use of the incoming secretary a complete list of Pan-Hellenic secretaries.

The manner of exchange of magazines has proven unsatisfactory.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Intersorority secretary.

Adjournment.

SECOND SESSION.

This session was called to order at 9:30 a. m., Saturday, September 12, 1908.

I. PAN-HELLENIC AT WISCONSIN.

Kappa Kappa Gamma, the committee on Pan-Hellenic conditions at Wisconsin State University, continued by the Sixth Conference, reported as follows:

Since Wisconsin State University is providing adequate supervised homes for its women students, and, since Interscholastic has been abolished, there is no pressing reason for continuing to pledge preparatory students at Wisconsin. Moreover, some fraternity chapters there do not desire to pledge preparatory students any more. The Wisconsin Pan-Hellenic has presented no petition for renewal of its expired dispensation.

In view of this report, the Seventh Intersorority Conference is proud to announce that henceforth Wisconsin fraternity chapters will conform to the Intersorority Conference rule prohibiting the pledging of non-matriculantes.

2. PAN-HELLENICS.

The committee upon present condition of Pan-Hellenics presented its report—which was printed and distributed to the Conference fraternities early in 1908. Attention was called to the fact that the variation in time of opening of our colleges—from August 1 to October 1—results in some cases in longer compacts than the report's enumeration by date of pledge day makes evident.

Motion carried to accept this report, with hearty appreciation of Miss Thompson's fine work.

3. INTERSORORITY CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION.

Alpha Omicron Pi reported an affirmative vote upon the proposed constitution. As all the other represented fraternities had endorsed this constitution at the time of the Sixth Conference, a motion was carried that the official organization for Intersorority Conference shall be the constitution as printed in report of the Sixth Conference.

4. PAN-HELLENIC AT MICHIGAN.

A petition for a renewal of its special dispensation to pledge preparatory students was presented by the Michigan State University Pan-Hellenic.

Since the local Sorosis continues to refuse to co-operate in the abolishment of such pledging, it was deemed expedient that this dispensation be renewed, in order not to handicap the nationals at Michigan.

Motion carried that this Conference recommend to the grand presidents of fraternities represented at Michigan State University, that a dispensation be granted to the Michigan Pan-Hellenic for one year, provided only seniors in the high schools be pledged, and the pledge be withdrawn if the pledged girl does not enter the University one year from September following the pledging; this dispensation to expire September, 1909.

Motion carried that the Intersorority Conference secretary convey to the Michigan Pan-Hellenic our sincere congratulations upon the progress of Pan-Hellenic ideas in its University.

5. EXCHANGE OF FRATERNITY MAGAZINES.

This subject was fully discussed. There was unanimous agreement that the present plan of exchange is unsatisfactory and that the ideal plan of exchange with all chapters is impractical because of expense. It was reported that the chapters of some fraternities subscribe for the magazines of other fraternities, and also that some Pan-Hellenics do the same. The following action was taken concerning exchanges:

Carried that the Intersorority Conference secretary prepare a journal exchange list, said list to include three national officers of each Intersorority Conference fraternity (these three officials, in each case, to be designated by their fraternity), and the delegates to the Intersorority Conference. This official exchange list is to be sent each fraternity editor, who shall be responsible for the mailing of her magazine to all address on the list.

Motion carried that each fraternity editor put the library of every University where her fraternity is represented, on her mailing list and notify her chapters of these fraternity libraries; this library exchange to supplant the former Pan-Hellenic exchange.

Carried that each fraternity editor be asked to keep an accurate list during 1908-09 of the subscriptions received from Pan-Hellenics and from chapters of other fraternities, and, through her Intersorority delegate, submit a report of the same to the next Intersorority Conference. Each fraternity is

asked to suggest to its chapters the value of subscribing for other fraternity magazines.

6. DEAN'S CONFERENCE.

The following report from the Conference of Intersorority delegates with Deans of Women in December, 1907, was submitted:

The Deans of Women of State Universities were in substantial agreement on the following topics of interest to fraternity women:

Chaperones.—The office should be dignified by better definition, and more authority. One way of doing this is to make the chaperone a member of the committee of the chapter, whose duty it is to formulate suitable house rules, and to secure their observance. Such a committee should be of great assistance to a chapter in determining its social activities, etc.

Rushing.—This way of recruiting the chapters is deplored. Sophomore pledging is approved, and a scholarship standard of eligibility is advocated.

Parties.—The use of University buildings for parties is advised wherever this is possible, as opposed to clubs and halls not located on the campus.

Scholarship.—The practice of some fraternities in securing from the Deans periodic reports of individual grades for each chapter is believed to encourage scholarship.

Visiting Delegates.—The Deans are glad to meet these ladies, and welcome conferences with them early in their visits to their respective chapters.

This report was followed by a discussion of chapter houses and chaperones. Mrs. Tennant reported her list of eligible chaperones as very small, but that, if a small salary was connected with the position, more chaperones would be available.

Motion carried that the president appoint a committee to consider with Deans of Women the position of the fraternity chaperone in college life, also the functions and qualifications of chaperone. Committee: Alpha Chi Omega, Gamma Phi Beta, Chi Omega.

Adjourned for the annual luncheon of Intersorority Conference delegates. The luncheon was at the College club, which kindly gave us the use of their rooms for our last session.

THIRD SESSION.

The session opened with a continuation of the discussion of the meeting of fraternity women and Deans. Particular attention was called to the fact that the Deans had concurred with former Intersorority Conferences in recommending a Sophomore pledge day.

Motion carried that the Seventh Intersorority Conference again urge a late pledge day, preferably a Sophomore pledge day.

The committee on recommendations then presented its report, which included all recommendations from delegates reports to the first session.

7. PAN-HELLENIC RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations are submitted to local Pan-Hellenics with the request that each Pan-Hellenic give them careful consideration, and, as far as practical, adopt the principles of each recommendation:

1. Every Pan-Hellenic MUST conform to the by-laws that requires each fraternity chapter to be represented in Pan-Hellenics by one active and

ONE ALUMNA member. It is urged that alumnae members be chosen with great care. Women several years out of college, who are in close touch with their University's and their chapter's life, and in sympathy with Intersorority Conference ideas and work—upon which they should be well informed—should be chosen for these positions. A long tenure of office for efficient alumnae members is also deemed advisable.

B. PanHellenics are urged to adopt a rule requiring definite sholarship attainment in the University, as a qualification for eligibility to fraternity membership.

C. We recommend to Pan-Hellenics that they endeavor to restrict the expense, number and duration of social functions and engagements by women's fraternities as far as is compatible with local conditions.

D. We suggest that Pan-Hellenics be careful not to create feeling between fraternity and non-fraternity college women through too many or through inopportune Pan-Hellenic meetings and functions.

E. Pan-Hellenics are urged to avoid all public press notoriety and to endeavor always to keep the respect of their University and town communities

F. We strongly recommend that each Pan-Hellenic have some general meetings to which ALL fraternity members are invited and allowed to take part in discussions—meetings to read and discuss Intersorority Conference reports; shortcomings of our last compact; effects of a Sophomore pledge day in our college, etc.

G. Since at the University of Wisconsin an organization of the resident alumnae of all fraternities has proved most helpful in solving fraternity and University problems concerning rushing, social life, etc., it is the concensus of opinion in this Conference that a similar organization would prove helpful in every University where fraternities are represented. It is therefore suggested that in each Pan-Hellenic th alumnae members take the initiative in forming such an organization for their college.

8. FRATERNITY RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations are submitted to each fraternity with the strong hope that each Grand President will urge their adoption in the policies of her fraternity:

A. That each fraternity hold its Intersorority delegate responsible for the distribution of Intersorority Conference reports and papers, and also for instructing chapters as to the use of the same.

B. That each fraternity include in its chapter examinations a question concerning the present procedure and possible penalty in case of the breaking of a Pan-Hellenic contract.

C. That each fraternity, with ideals of honor and faith in the integrity of others, emphasize these points in the policy of its chapters.

D. That each fraternity devise a method of informing its alumnae of Intersorority Conference principles and policies, so that an alumna teaching in a preparatory school will not thoughtlessly take steps that will disrupt years of cordial feeling between her chapter and other fraternities in her Alma Mater.

E. That each fraternity instruct its visiting delegate to impress upon the chapters the need not of a higher standard of scholarship than they already possess, but a high standard irrespective of their present standing.

F. That each fraternity endeavor to make the position of chaperone in chapter houses one of definite duties, powers and dignity. That if possible, the positions be filled by alumnae of experience and judgment.

9. **INTERSORORITY RECOMMENDATIONS.**

The following recommendations were adopted by the Seventh Intersorority Conference:

A. That a committee be appointed to investigate the "no rushing policy" of the famous societies of Yale and Harvard. Committee: Alpha Phi and Sigma Kappa.

B. That an enumeration of concrete results of Intersorority be printed in each fraternity magazine. This enumeration to be compiled by the Secretary of Intersorority to insure uniformity. Fraternity editors are also urged to give prominence and active, continued support to Intersorority Conference interests.

C. That a committee be appointed to draw up an interfraternity code concerning the dismissal of members, withdrawing of invitations, breaking of pledges. Committee: Chi Omega, Alpha Xi Delta, and Delta Delta Delta.

D. That the name of this Conference be changed to National Pan-Hellenic Conference.

E. That a committee be appointed which shall make the 1907-08 Letter to alumnae organizations the basis for a similar letter this fall. Committee: Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Omicron Pi, Delta Delta Delta.

A vote of thanks was given the College club for courtesies extended.

Some desultory discussion followed upon the situation of fraternities at Barnard; written replies to invitations to join a fraternity; need of constant effort to keep fraternity women informed on Intersorority Conference matters; high school fraternities; indefiniteness of Pan-Hellenic constltutions; fraternity presidents as delegates to Intersorority; and plans for the next Conference.

Motion carried to assess each fraternity five dollars (\$5.00) for Intersorority Conference expenses, each delegate to instruct her Grand Treasurer to send the assessment direct to the Conference Secretary.

The Intersorority Conference was declared adjourned until September, 1909.

L. PEARLE GREEN, Kappa Alpha Theta,
Secretary of Seventh Intersorority Conference.



EDITORIALS



OMICRON

AS ONE of the most important events in fraternity life, is the addition of a new chapter, it is very gratifying to know that in the installation of Omicron, the high ideals of $\Lambda \times \Omega$ have been sustained. Baker University maintains an acknowledged high standard, and possesses an environment which, we believe many of our large institutions to be without. The many and diversified interests and necessary separations among the students and faculty of the latter, fail to produce that unity of purpose, that broad personal influence and proper college spirit which in our smaller colleges are such vital factors in the development of splendid character. With such excellent surroundings, with a record of long standing success as a local and such splendid girls, joined with the high standards of $\Lambda \times \Omega$, we predict for Omicron a brilliant and useful future, and welcome her most earnestly into our broad and noble sisterhood.

DELTA DELTA

THE splendid energy and enthusiasm displayed by our California sisters in establishing $\Delta \Delta$ chapter affects us like the exhilarating breeze from their ocean. For isn't it exhilarating to know that the Alpha Chis in far-away California have organized to perpetuate and strengthen their fraternity ties, and be a veritable fortress of strength and inspiration to Epsilon? The last reminds us that the real work of $\Delta \Delta$ now lies ahead—and this is true of all alumnae chapters. It is not enough to merely secure a charter, the latter is only a means to an end. What one or more scattered individuals can not do, an alumnae chapter can do, hence with a charter comes the responsibility of evolving a system of dealing with alumnae and active problems which shall meet the environment, and of putting

this system into operation. This question of responsibility must be met fairly and squarely. Help and suggestions will be offered by the Grand Council, but they cannot force action; that rests with the conscience of each chapter and each individual of that chapter.

SELECTING NEW TIMBER

MEET the first beginnings; look to the budding mischief before it has time to ripen to maturity." Obeying this excellent injunction, let us all turn our attention to this season of "budding mischief," the season for choosing future Alpha Chis. Active girls, who are about to begin a new chapter year, constitute yourself watchers, guardians, of your chapter honor. Meet the first beginnings, which lie in the selection of your candidates,—your life-long sisters,—with the determination that nothing shall govern your choice but *character*. Make up your minds that you will stand for Quality, allowing quantity to take care of itself. If you cannot secure the *best* girls this year, never content yourselves with the next or any lesser degree, no matter what the temptations. Another year the best will gladly come to you, knowing it to be an honor. Against all the arguments, we feel buzzing through the air, we say: Nothing was ever lost, but everything gained through doing what was right, while everything that causes trouble develops from dodging and compromising with the Right and the Truth, which in this case is: Strong character and consequent good scholarship make strong chapters; for girls of such fiber are the only ones capable of Fraternity, by which we mean her ideals, her precepts, her possibilities. These are the girls who make a *live* chapter, a chapter full of interest to every member, and a chapter which has the respect of the college authorities, the other fraternities, town alumnae, the Grand Council and her sister chapters. Against all this, what inducement is offered for maintaining a weak chapter? The question seems almost senseless, for obviously everyone desires a strong chapter, and yet that is the question each girl must answer when she gives her vote for a girl whom she knows to be a "jolly good fellow," possessed of many attractions

and a large endowment of this world's goods, but whose depth of character and studious inclinations will not bear probing below the surface, and who will always remain a drifter. These seem hard words, yet the subject compels it, like any disease demanding stringent treatment. Certainly the ease and complacency with which some active girls consent to the entrance into their fraternity of the butterfly type and others, even less interesting, presenting them as sisters not only to each other but to the hundreds of sisters throughout the country, is nothing more nor less than a disease. If we could only make all active girls see the benefits they would reap by adhering to the strongest requirements for their candidates, what an interesting chapter they would have, how soon they could claim the reputation of being the strongest, or one of the strongest, chapters in the school, we should feel that we had made a Beginning, and together with them, had looked searchingly into the "budding mischief" before it ripened into the maturity which would appal us all—a weak chapter.

A RESUME

SUCH an erratic piece of mechanism is the average human mind that those well acquainted with its waywardness, long ago evolved a system of Reviews, to which they subjected all intellects, from their first primary venturings to their last and ultimate degree. And who are we, to dispute the wisdom of such ancient and universal practice? Supported by such precedent, we boldly announce that we are about to institute a review, hoping the subjects will be so impressed upon our readers' minds that they cannot help carrying them out. So at this, the close of our editorial year, and the beginning of the chapter year, we trust that pardon will be granted for recalling those ideas which this editor thought and still thinks, would help each girl to get more from her fraternity, and by so doing, build up and strengthen the temple of A X Ω, which in all it embodies is deserving of only the deepest reverence and loyalty, all half-heartedness of either being a gross desecration of it and a reflection on the offending member. First of all, be serious; the vows you made when

you first became an Alpha Chi, are vows, remember that, and when you fail to live up to them to the very best of your ability, you are living a falsehood, and helping to make your fraternity only a sham structure. In the excitement of social life, in the freedom of everyday contact of a chapter house, in the inherent carelessness of human nature, it is difficult, very difficult, to be true to principle, yet we know there is nothing worth while which does not demand a struggle, and surely, strong, upright character is deserving of our most strenuous endeavors, and that is what each girl would gain for herself and her fraternity by living her pledges, with her pin as an ever constant reminder. We do not like to preach, but the subject is so serious, so far more serious than we realize until we stop to think it over, that we banish our scruples and risk your impatience. To help gain this earnestness of fraternity, take it with you into all the details of that connection. At the beginning of each semester, appoint a committee on chapter meeting, whose duty it shall be to make the weekly meetings so interesting that they will be eagerly anticipated. Do not depend upon a cut and dried program where everyone dreads their part and consequently shirks it, but vary it with mock trials, small dramatics, reviews of fraternity history and general information, in the form of old-fashioned spelling "bees," and occasionally have a family mock initiation, even the Ritual, doing all these seriously and with the aim to learn, and they will be found to be rich in pleasure giving, making your evenings together bright spots in your chapter life. Also have your LYRES for the year bound—the expense is trifling—then go over them in chapter meeting to see if among the letters, the articles, the editorials, and the exchanges, there is not some hint which remains unacted upon, and other matters to be discussed together, which may help you greatly. We suggest that one person have charge of each number, bringing up the matters she has collected from the various departments, for general or individual discussion. In this manner, take up the current LYRES also, so that at the end of the year, eight will have been reviewed. It would amply repay you to arrange an exchange with other fraternities, so as to take up their editions in the same way; also standard works on Fraternity. Study parliamentary law together, and

if it is found troublesome, you undoubtedly will be able to secure the aid of some faculty member or one of your patronesses who could hold illustrative meetings with you. After the meetings are arranged for, it will be found advisable to place a calendar—designed by some member—in the chapter room, which shall contain the dates of the various programs, those on which certain business must come before the chapter, the red letter days of the fraternity's founding, the chapter birthday, alumna day, and any other dates which each chapter may create for its own, also the birthdays of sister chapters, on which days—fourteen during the year—we recommend the plan of sending greetings, the first year, in the form of inexpensive chapter flags, so that at the close of the year each chapter will have a flag representing every other, the next years, pictures, postal or otherwise, of local surroundings, chapter calendars, which, attractively mounted, would be useful to other chapters in offering suggestions; kodak pictures of the girls, the chapter house, etc., all of which the chapters would find worth far more than the slight effort to send these little remembrances, which would bring about such a pleasant spirit of intimacy and acquaintance. This work should also be in charge of a committee, whether of one or more individuals, so that every department would be systematized. As for your own birthday, or any day dear to the chapter through some special significance, always observe it in some suitable manner, but we suggest that it be a home celebration, as there are many other occasions for public affairs. Christmas and other holidays should not be forgotten, even your sisters' birthdays, by which we do not mean presents must be exchanged or money lavished in other ways, but simply make those days centers of attraction by quietly celebrating together. Then there is the kodak book we also mentioned once before. Surely someone in the chapter has a kodak, and we hope at the first of the year every chapter will purchase an album, which should abound in chapter pictures, so that each succeeding chapter will have a fairly tangible link and interest in the preceding one, besides being of exceeding interest to returning alumnae. The pleasure the girls themselves would derive from such a collection would justify its preparation.

The chapter history comes next to mind, which we earnestly urge

you to attend to religiously. At the close of every term this should be read in meeting to see that nothing is omitted. A reminder of this duty should also be on the calendar. As to the scholarship committee, it is too vital to be left with a mere remention. In the year that closed last June, the LYRE reported seven Φ B K's, which gave the Grand Council as much pleasure as the happy recipients. Each year of our existence has been one of general improvement, and this splendid record must not be broken. There are in Alpha Chi an average of 250 active girls, and we know that out of that number there are many more possible Φ B K's. Scholarship means so infinitely much to every individual, to those who are sending a girl for that purpose, and to the fraternity to which she belongs, that we implore every girl who wears the lyre to conscientiously co-operate with such a committee or any other method that may be preferred, such as reports direct from the dean or individual senior supervision.

To all alumnae interested in maintaining Alpha Chi high in standard—and that must include every one—we recommend a careful study of the Alumnae Field, as set forth in this number, a study that will lead to *action*, not the action of some imaginary person; but the action of the very individual now reading these inadequate lines, and to both active and alumna we repeat, "Never live in hope and expectation while your arms are folded."

A LAST ADMONITION

MUCH has already been said and done about our coming convention, but the event is of such importance that the LYRE cannot refrain from a few last words, which we hope every individual will take unto themselves, for it applies to each and every one individually. First come to the convention—every one of you—don't let anything except a circumstance of the most supreme importance keep you at home.

Second, having determined to come, plan to meet as many of your sisters en route as possible, and travel to Champaign together. Let chapters living close to one another get in touch, meet at some com-

mon rendezvous and make the journey as well as the convention one of mutual pleasure.

Third, have in readiness all the suggestions you have to make, and the matters you wish brought up, so that they may not be overlooked. But above and before all else, COME!

COME TO CONVENTION!!

THE CONVENTION DELEGATE

AS THE editor was planning to exercise the official pen upon this subject, a kind fate interposed in the form of an excellent article appearing in the September Delta Upsilon Quarterly, entitled as above, with this addition—"Often neither fish, flesh nor good red herring." We therefore take the liberty and the pleasure of quoting from said article:

A perennial difficulty at fraternity conventions is the lack of concerted discussion of fraternity interests by the chapter delegates. It seems to be the desire of a majority of the undergraduate members of the annual gathering to see and be seen, to have a glorious time and to take home glowing accounts of what good fellows the entertaining chapter are, but only a few are willing to exercise their brains on the real problems of Delta Upsilon, let alone to express their own sentiments and chapter views on the convention floor. Perhaps the majority are encouraged by their chapters by having the duty of representation thrust upon them as an honor rather than as an office. The delegates cannot be blamed for the shortcomings of their chapters, but it would seem as if representation of such varied college organizations would be moved by the common divergence of their impressions of each other to bring out their ideas on fraternity topics, if they could not say anything as exponents of chapter spirit. Too much stress cannot be laid on the appreciation of the national convention by the chapters. They must remember that their expression of it is shown, often too clearly, in the choice of delegates to the convention. If the convention is marked by the absence of argument and debate on the fraternity policy, resulting in a decline of vigor for the ensuing year, the chapters have to shoulder the responsibility. With the proper co-operation, there would be no responsibility to shoulder, and we could make Delta Upsilon conventions such hot-beds of fraternity interest that the rest of the college year would be occupied in heaping fuel on the blaze.





CHAPTER LETTERS



Chapter letters for each issue will be due not later than the first of the month preceding the date of issue. At the beginning of each letter state the active membership, including all initiates since previous issue, with full names and home addresses; *also any changes of associate editors or corresponding secretaries.*

Personals and alumnae news to be written on a separate sheet. Typewrite copy if possible.

An ideal chapter letter is one which gives both college and fraternity news, with description of chapter life and events—not mere notices. There are several excellent letters in this number; let us make *all* of them of that class in the future.

ALPHA

DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind.

The beginning of this new school year finds twelve Alpha girls back in the old frat house. We don't seem very many, but so far we have had enough of our older girls back to keep us from feeling lonesome, and soon we shall have our pledges to fill up our ranks.

We are all spiking as hard as ever we can. Our rules are much the same as last year—they allow us two dates a week with each girl whom we are spiking, and as we have as yet thirty-two girls on our list, not one of the twelve of us dares shirk. Pledge day is still almost three weeks off, October 19, and we are finding the suspense rather hard to bear. However, our hopes are high for Alpha, and we are expecting this to be one of the very largest and best Freshman classes we have ever initiated.

As yet Bishop Hughes remains our president, with our vice-president, Dr. Gobin, acting in his stead. The University seems strange without Dr. Hughes, and we all miss the strong, steady personality which, within the memory of the present students, has always seemed to pervade De Pauw.

We are rejoicing that our new college library is so near completion. By next term we hope to have the library as well as all the seminaries removed to the new building.

Alpha's enthusiasm over convention is running high. There will be at least six of us—if our Iota sisters can take care of us all. We are looking forward with such pleasure to knowing so many Chis from other chapters.

With very best wishes for the success and happiness of every chapter, and may this be the best year Alpha Chi has ever known.

THE LYRE

BETA

Albion College, Albion, Mich.

Albion College opens with a very good enrollment this year. There are over eighty new girls alone, so the prospects for rushing season are exceptionally good. However, we can merely look and pass on, just at present, as our rushing season has been put off until after Thanksgiving vacation. This is a new departure for Albion, and it remains to be seen whether the plan is practicable or not. So far, however, there have been a few conflicts, arising chiefly from misunderstandings or misinterpretations of the rules, but we expect to have smooth sailing in the future.

Our numbers have shrunk visibly this year, as from twenty-one active members last spring, only six girls returned this fall. Yet we are not at all discouraged, for we are bolstering ourselves up with the time-worn maintenance of small chapters—that it is “quality, not quantity”, that counts. Beta chapter has plenty of loyal town alumnae to help with the rushing, so that we have no fears whatever of our success.

The closing weeks of last spring term were eventful ones for Beta. Early in the term we were delighted by a visit from Mrs. Marcia Clarke Howell, who came bringing us enthusiasm, and new ideas from other chapters.

Our sixteenth annual concert, a complimentary entertainment given in the chapel on June 17, was well attended and so great a success that we felt fully repaid for the time and energy expended in preparation for it.

The program was as follows:

PART I.

1. Organ—Prelude and Fugue in D Minor.....*Bach*
MISS HARRIET REYNOLDS
2. Sweet and Low.....*V. Cirillo*
BETA CHAPTER
MISS LULU BABCOCK, Accompanist.
3. Berceuse from “Jocelyn”.....*B. Godard*
Cello—MISS SUE GREACEN
Piano—MRS. BOLSTER
4. I Love, and the World is Mine.....*Manney*
MISS BESSIE SHANLEY
Violin Obligato—MR. L. FOSTER
5. Sleep, Little Baby of Mine.....*Denee-Smith*
MISSSES SHANLEY, FALL, NEWCOMER AND WORTHINGTON
6. Love's Coronation*Francis Aylward*
MRS. MYRTLE HATSWELL BOWMAN
MRS. BOLSTER, Accompanist
7. Organ *Selected*
MISS MILDRED SHERK

PART II.

Finale—(Tableaux).

For the finale we had tableaux representing familiar Gibson and Christy pictures, twelve in all. It was something new and very well received.

The great musical event of the year was the College Music Festival, con-

sisting of three grand concerts, one of which was the Messiah, rendered by the Philharmonic society, the largest musical organization of the college.

Lastly, as a fitting close to a very successful year, came our annual reunion. We spent the day, June 19, at the lodge. Luncheon was given by the actives, using as menu cards green lyres, with a tiny picture of the active girls on each. Following the luncheon came fraternity meeting, at which we initiated our last pledgling, Lucile Singleton. Later in the afternoon came a short program in which the "old girls" displayed their talents, and nearly everyone remained for the pot-luck supper given by the alumnae. The names of the thirty-two alumnae present may be found in the alumnae personals.

September 30, Beta entertained the Pan-Hellenic Association of Albion. As we could not use the lodge on account of several improvements which are being made both inside and out, Mrs. Leonard very kindly opened her house to us for the evening. The greater part of the evening was taken up with a game of guessing music, after which came a short musical program and light refreshments.

Beta sends greetings to her sister chapters and wishes them all a most successful and happy year.

GAMMA

Northwestern University. Evanston, Ill.

For a week before the dormitories had opened, Alpha Chi pins were seen floating around Evanston; and a week before the other sororities' formal rushing had begun, all of our girls were back and at work. Registration day in college was September 28, but as we found many Freshmen here early, especially those in music and oratory work, we had our first little "stunt" at Ethel Ford's home in Ravenswood, the evening of the 22nd. Thursday afternoon we "continued the good work" at a conversation german, the form of entertainment giving us an opportunity to become quite well acquainted with the new girls in a very short time. That afternoon, we discovered also how well salvias represent the scarlet and olive, and that cherry frappé, surrounded by clematis, is another way of securing the desired color combination. Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Ralph Dennis entertained for us, and we spent two delightful hours with magazines and paste, writing each others autobiographies in dainty little booklets tied with the Alpha Chi colors. Great care had to be taken in selecting such pictures as were to represent a "life partner," or a "first portrait," or a "favorite hobby," and the tiny volumes, when completed, were assuredly triumphs of art. Saturday evening, Mrs. George Wooley gave a cinch party, and Monday evening all of the alumnae entertained us at the Scales' home in Sheridan Park. Tuesday we held an indoor picnic at Mrs. George Madson's. The alumnae have been so kind in opening their homes to us this fall, and in offering assistance in every way. Their enthusiasm has begotten more enthusiasm than ever among the active chapters. On the evening of Matriculation day, we pledged Mary Alice Rice, Vinna Turner, and Grace Mitchell in the Music School, Mabel Slane in Oratory, and Lucile Morgan in Liberal Arts, and we feel we have made a splendid beginning; for the rushing has really just begun. Hedwig Brennenman and Mae Smith we still have with us, the one as a dignified instructor in voice, the other as a post-graduate, and manager of the chapel choir. Mary Mowrey is here for a few weeks, and expects to return with Jennie Fidler the second semester, and with her to continue her work in the Music School. We all miss the only

Gamma girl who was here last year who will not return, Florence Kelly, but we console ourselves with the prospect of her coming down for an October dance. Convention seems in the air and recommendations for rushing, dates and points to be discussed at Champaign go down in our note-books, side by side. During the summer, several changes have taken place at Northwestern. On the campus the Engineering building is nearing completion, the foundations are being laid for the new \$150,000 gymnasium, the gift of Mr. James Botton, the former mayor of Evanston, and the alumnae are soon to install a \$5,000 organ in chapel. One of the best loved professors, George Albert Coe, of the Philosophy department, has accepted a position in a New York theological school. In the Greek world, Pan-Hellenic has been temporarily dissolved, and the faculty has postponed all initiation until February. Many familiar faces are missing, and Freshmen encompass us on every side, yet one hears everywhere the cry—from Sophomore, Junior, and Senior alike—"Oh, but isn't it good to be back?"

DELTA

Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.

Although as yet the girls of Delta chapter are scarcely settled, college having been open for a very short time, nevertheless, we enter upon our new college term with every reason to believe that this year will be a very happy and successful one.

Owing to our local Pan-Hellenic rules concerning rushing season, no bids are allowed to be issued before October 19, and the period of rushing in the meantime gives us little time to think of other matters. Our first informal party was in the form of a Japanese spread, and was given October 27. The decorations consisted chiefly of Japanese lanterns, and the souvenirs were Japanese sketches. One of our girls, dressed in Japanese costumes, caused a great deal of amusement by telling fortunes by cards.

Although the work on the rooms has been somewhat delayed for various reasons, it is now progressing rapidly. The hardwood floors are all finished, and together with the new paper, rugs and furniture which are being purchased, our rooms will present a very pleasing appearance when finished.

Work on the new $\Sigma A E$ fraternity house is progressing finely and the members of the active chapter hope to be able to move into their new home by Thanksgiving time. The building is located near the other fraternity houses on College Hill, and is provided with all the conveniences of an up-to-date fraternity home.

The nineteenth annual convention of $K K \Gamma$ was held at Allegheny College during the last week in August. Over 200 delegates and visitors were present, from various colleges throughout the country. Among the other entertainments of the week, was a lawn fete which was given by the active chapter in honor of the visiting delegates, and which was attended by both the members of the faculty and of the college fraternities. On Wednesday, August 26, the active and alumnae members of Delta chapter of $A X \Omega$ gave a musicale at Ford Memorial Chapel in honor of $K K \Gamma$. Many out-of-town Alpha Chis were present, and the entertainment was voted a complete success by all the guests. Those who participated in the program are as follows: Ethel Moore,

Alice McDowell, Florence Moore, Vesta Leet, Louise Chase, Sara Evans, Marjorie Fowler, Alta Moyer Taylor, and Mary Thorpe Graham.

Delta is sorry not to be able to give a list of pledges in this issue of the LYRE, but we hope to introduce several new sisters in the next one.

EPSILON

University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

It scarcely seems possible that the summer has really passed, and that we are back at school again, but when we look about us and see all the familiar faces among the many new ones, and every one hurrying to and fro with a large stack of books, we begin to think that something of the kind must surely have happened.

The Epsilon girls have been unusually quiet as a whole this summer, for we have been saving our money for rushing season and for the convention. However, the girls individually report many jolly times and a very happy vacation.

One afternoon in July Carrie Trowbridge entertained "just the girls" at her home, and it was there that the engagement of Faye Buck to Trimble Barkeley, a graduate of Stanford University, was announced. Faye graduated from the College of Music with high honors, both on the pipe organ and piano, last spring, and the announcement of her engagement, though it was not a great surprise, for none of us have been wholly blind during the past year, gave us all a thrill of excitement and pleasant anticipations.

About a week before school commenced, we had an A X Ω picnic at Rubio canyon. Besides having with us our loyal patronesses and alumnae, and some new girls with whom we wished to get acquainted, we had the pleasure of having Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Cushman, and Mrs. Mills, of Beta, and Mrs. Garret, a charter member of Epsilon. We had a fine time up among the Mountains beneath the tall trees by the cool streams, but I believe that the best part of it all was the luncheon. I have not nearly room enough to mention all the good things we had in that lunch, so I will just mention one thing, fried chicken. You can imagine the rest.

September 14, found us all back at school, with one or two exceptions, and all glad to be back, too! The Inter-Sorority Conference of the University of Southern California had decided that there should be two weeks of non-rushing, followed by two weeks of rushing, said rushing season to begin on the second Monday after registration. So during the past two weeks we have been busy getting acquainted with the new girls and planning our rushing "stunts." As we have only two weeks in which to rush, we have planned only four affairs, but they are all to be very nice, so we think.

The first will be a progressive dinner, consisting of five courses, each course to be at a different home. We will provide automobiles to take our guests around from house to house. This will take place on Monday, September 28. Then we will rest until Friday, October 2, when we will all go down to the beach for a large house-party over Saturday and Sunday. Saturday evening we will have the men down, and will entertain with a college party. On the evening of October 8, we will have a "kid" party at the home of Olive Berryman, and we will all dress as children. Needless to say, we expect this to be a very informal affair. Then our last big affair will take place on Saturday, October 10, and will be a luncheon given by our patronesses at the

Chocolate Cup, a very popular and cosy tea-room, after which we will take our guests in a tally-ho to the football game between U. S. C. and Los Angeles High School. The following Monday will be bidding day, and we will write later as to what success we have, but we are glad to say that we have in view some very desirable girls.

We have been talking and planning for the convention and Katherine Asher, of El Monte, Cal., has been chosen as Epsilon's delegate.

The Epsilon girls are all happy over the establishment of an alumna chapter, Delta Delta, here in Los Angeles. It seems to us just like a second Epsilon, or should I say a first Epsilon, for we know all of the girls so well, and have considered them as belonging to us for so long.

The past two weeks of school have been pretty well taken up with receptions. First there was the Y. W. C. A. reception to the new girls, in which our girls took a prominent part. Then there was the Y. M. C. A. reception to the boys, or the "Stag Do," as it is called, and strange to say, there was not a single A X girl there, but we made up for it by turning out in full force to the faculty reception to all the students.

Last week the inter-class football games were played, resulting, we are glad to say, in a victory for the Sophomores.

Epsilon sends greetings to all her sister chapters, and wishes for each one a happy and successful school year.

ZETA

New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass.

Zeta begins the year of 1908-9 with the lucky number of thirteen. Of this number three, who were graduates of last year, have returned to continue their studies at the Conservatory. After the summer vacation we were all glad to attend our first meeting and greet our sisters once more.

We are hoping to have a very successful rushing season, as there are many desirable girls at our school this year.

Musicals at the Conservatory have already begun. Two members of the faculty, Mr. Goodrich, dean of the faculty, and Mr. Anthony have given two very interesting programs. We are looking forward to hearing the usual goodly number of artists who are to visit Boston this year.

Zeta chapter sends greetings to all sister chapters and wishes them a successful and happy year.

THETA

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Theta wishes to apologize for having neglected to send a letter in time for the last publication of the LYRE.

Our past year was surely a very successful one, initiating twelve new sisters in all, among whom were four in the Spring. Mabel Spafford, Manchester, Mich.; Jane Harris, Tecumseh, Mich.; Adah Shaeffer, Dundee, Mich.; Vera Fox, Detroit, Mich. We have one new pledge for this Fall, Hazel Carter, of Toledo, Ohio.

After initiation we had our annual formal party, which was a great success. The chapter house was beautifully decorated and thrown open to our

guests. Mayor and Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Hoffman and our chaperon, Miss Forsythe, assisted us.

Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Renwick tendered us a reception and afternoon party, at which we had a very enjoyable time.

The girls started a Round Robin letter that has served to keep us all in touch, and also to promote fraternity spirit, as well as to give each one a great deal of happiness.

After such a fruitful year, Theta expects to start this year with the chapter house well filled, and looks forward to adding more true Alpha Chis to her chapter.

Most of the girls are coming back early, so that all will be in order for early and thorough rushing.

As many as can, and we hope that will be nearly all of us, are planning on meeting our sisters in Alpha Chi at the convention Thanksgiving time.

IOTA

University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.

Vacation is over, and we are again at Illinois, very much occupied with classes, rushing season and plans for convention. And a most prosperous rushing season it certainly promises to be. Twenty of the twenty-three girls of last year are back, with thirteen in the house. With such a beginning, we have high hopes for a round number of good Freshmen. Already we have two girls pledged, Ruth Reinhardt and Hardy Breckenridge, sisters of Illinois Alpha Chis. As rushing season only lasts three weeks here, we must concentrate our forces and make a doubly good impression in a short time. We were allowed four rushing functions by Pan-Hellenic, so we decided to have a party, a German, a dance, and a banquet. We have had the party, and it was voted quite a success, the old girl seeming to enjoy it as much as the new. The dining room represented an inn, with waitresses in black, and small tables decorated in green and red. The red and white menu cards were kept as souvenirs.

The German and banquet will be at the house, the dance at the K. of P. hall in Champaign.

Plans for convention are progressing smoothly and arrangements are being made for the pleasure and convenience of delegates and visitors. We are all enthusiastic and eager for Thanksgiving week to come, for we realize that a convention at home is a privilege that cannot be enjoyed by every active Alpha Chi. We are anxious to have all who can visit Illinois and Iota, and will do our best to make every minute enjoyable. We send greetings again to our new sister chapter in Baldwin.

KAPPA

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.

We Kappa girls came back this Fall more enthusiastic than ever on account of the fact that we had just moved into our new home. Some of the girls came back a week before school commenced to get the house in order. Rushing began almost at once, and now Kappa is the proud possessor of eight

pledges, who bid fair to soon be loyal Alpha Chis. They are Flora Knox, Milwaukee; Mary Cole, Genesee, Ill.; Gladys Morrell, Escanaba, Mich.; Harriet Barney, Oshkosh; and Lucile Simon, Gladys Sutherland and Mabel Kelly, Madison.

Our house is a great improvement over the old one in more ways than one. For one reason, we are now only a half block from the campus, a whole block nearer than last year. The house is large and roomy, and we want all the Alpha Chis who are anywhere in the vicinity at any time to be sure and come and see us.

Wisconsin bids fair to be near the head of the University list this year, as over five thousand students are expected. Posters are up for the Freshman-Sophomore rush, and they are more startling than ever. All Madison turns out annually on rush day to see the fun.

This year we have Mrs. Stephens, of Dubuque, Iowa, with us as chaperon. She is a lovely woman, and we certainly enjoy having her here.

A big bunch of us are planning to go to convention. Hope to see you all there, girls.

LAMBDA

Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

Greeting from Lambda to all Alpha Chis, and the hope of a happy and prosperous year!

September 15, the faculty, among whom there were several new faces, and the students, among whom there were a great many new faces, assembled for the opening exercises of the college year. As this was pledge day as well as opening day, Lambda began the year by pledging Grace Griffith. Very proud we felt to have with us, on the very first day of college, a girl wearing our pledge pin!

The same night, we had an informal party at the new chapter house, at which eleven Freshmen were present. The next afternoon we took them out in the woods and had a jolly time sitting under the trees, playing games, and eating the huge baskets of lunch. The next night we had a chafing-dish spread, where our guests helped make delicious rarebits and candy. Now, after two weeks of parties, dinners, and luncheons, we have four girls pledged, Grace Griffith, Syracuse; Mabel Wheelock, West Winfield, N. Y.; Mary Shafer, Margaretville, N. Y.; Genevieve Shaler, Spencer, N. Y.

Five Lambda girls were in Syracuse all summer and several of the others were here for a few days, so when we all got together, which we did quite often, it seemed almost like old times. One of our greatest pleasures was a visit with Miss Worthington, one of Beta's charter members, who was visiting relatives here. She entertained us with many stories of Beta chapter as it was in its early days and as it is now.

The University campus has another new building to add to its rapidly increasing list, the gymnasium. It is connected by an underground passageway with the stadium, and when finished, promises to be one of the finest and best equipped buildings of its kind.

In athletics, also, Syracuse deserves congratulation. In the races last June at Poughkeepsie, both the Varsity and four-oared races were won by Syracuse. In football, the first game—against Hobart—resulted in a victory of 51 to 0. Last Saturday we defeated Hamilton, 18 to 0.

Lambda is still in the rushing business and hopes in the next issue of the LYRE to announce a long list of initiates.

Our active membership at the opening of school was seventeen. An inspiring beginning, we think.

MU

Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.

When school closed last Spring, several of Mu's alumnae came home to Simpson for commencement. From Friday until Monday were days which Simpson's Alpha Chis will not soon forget. Nearly twenty of us met at the home of Bessie Snell for a house-party. After those days of happy life together, we scattered to spend the summer traveling, visiting, camping, or enjoying our homes. College is once more in full swing, and Mu, with her ten active girls, is strong and enthusiastic, and even more ambitious for this year than ever before. We are glad, also, to have among us Miss Alice Barrows, of the Conservatory. She has just returned from three years of study in Berlin. It was while she was home for a vacation that she became a patroness of our chapter.

Our meetings this year are at the Ladies' Hall, where we have very pleasant parlors. The girls are taking great pleasure in the tasteful furnishing of these rooms. Our weekly meetings are a delight to every Alpha Chi.

According to Pan-Hellenic rules, pledge day is the first of the second semester.

Mu sends greetings to all the girls and wishes to express the hope that the year before us may bring unusual strength and prosperity not only to the home chapter, but to all sisters in Alpha Chi Omega.

NU

University of Colorado, Boulder, Col.

Nu feels very old. She has carried on her second annual rushing campaign, and although she has come through with fling colors, she shows a few gray threads of wisdom.

When we were assembled at our first meeting this year, we were a trifle discouraged and sorrowful, for we numbered only eight. Several of our undergraduate sisters were unable to attend school this year. But we found many things to be thankful for. Mrs. Rossi, our Denver patroness, is to be our chaperon. She will help us so much that we feel we can brave almost anything while under her sheltering wing. Our new house, too, is a great improvement over our other two ventures. We are very comfortable now and hope we will not need to move again soon.

We have moved rather often, but we do not feel as though the old proverb applies to us, for we have gathered some beautiful moss this year (our pledges are all Freshmen, so they might be a little sensitive about the metaphor).

Our pledge day was September 22. The entire week before was given over to rushing. Our stunts were various and numerous. Because of the existing Pan-Hellenic rules we were allowed only one afternoon. This we devoted to an informal musicale. But we make good use of our mornings and

evenings. Two of our patronesses gave breakfasts for us, one took us to a beautiful mountain resort, and prepared there a delightful picnic breakfast.

One evening we gave a picnic supper. The rooms were made to look as sylvan as was possible, with our glorious mountain sumach and clematis. Supper was spread on the floor and we all sat around the cloth tailor fashion. We racked our brains to make our dance, our chafing-dish party and our moonlight motoring enjoyable, and have reaped our harvest—five bright, charming Freshmen. They have come to us from all parts of the United States. Inger Hoen from Wisconsin, Arlie Crockett from Missouri, Ernestine Heslop from Oregon, Lucy Dowie from Kansas. Edith Farrington, only, is a Colorado girl.

Now, instead of resting a bit on our oars, we must be up and doing, for college work has begun with a vim. The flood of knowledge is pouring in, and he who will not swim must sink.

Nu sends greetings to her sister chapters and wishes them success in their year's work.

XI

University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.

The Xi chapter is at home to all Alpha Chis at 612 South 16th street, Lincoln, Neb. We have been very busy all the summer months, and the result of our labor is a house of which we are all very proud. Ever since our chapter was organized we have been holding meetings in the School of Music building, and it was with great joy we held our first meeting of the school year in our own home.

At intervals through the summer, the girls who were in the city met at different homes to chat and prepare articles for our house.

Our two sisters, Emma Farrow and Beulah Buckley, who have been traveling in Europe this summer, have proven their loyalty by numerous interesting letters. Miss Farrow remains abroad for the coming year, and we expect to receive many items of interest from her.

The rush week which just ended was a very busy time, as well as profitable, and the results were fourteen splendid girls, who will make true Alpha Chis. Beulah Jennings, Davenport, Neb.; Grace Holman, Tobias, Neb.; Hazel Clark, Lincoln, Neb.; Wilhelmina Comstock, Calhoun, Colo.; Ethel Maefarlen, Lincoln, Neb.; Verra Cox, Hampton, Neb.; Mettie Yost, Howard, Neb.; Irmal Franklin, Aurora, Neb.; Nell Whitmore, Valley, Nebraska; Bethine Kennedy, Castana, Iowa; Edna Harrison, Waterloo, Iowa; Miss Harrison, Waterloo, Iowa; Maud Thomas, University Place, Nebraska; Genevieve Fodrea, Lincoln, Neb. Their initiation will occur October 2.

On Monday morning, September 14, we were at home to all the girls at the Frat house for a watermelon feed. In the afternoon Lilah David was hostess at a croquet party, and in the evening a chafing-dish party was given at the house. The guests prepared the menu. Tuesday evening at a Japanese tea, a professional sleight-of-hand performer furnished the main amusement, after which tea was served by girls in Japanese costumes. Wednesday morn-

ing a musical was given by Miss Vera Upton, assisted by Miss Ethel Macfarlen. The following program was given:

The Wild Little Wind.....	<i>Spross</i>
How Much I Love Thee.....	<i>La Forge</i>
Love Has Wings	<i>Rogers</i>
MISS UPTON	
Waltz Caprice	<i>Newland</i>
MISS MACFARLEN	
Mammy's Lullaby	<i>Jamison</i>
The Pine	<i>Woodmann</i>
My Dear Jerusha	<i>Gaynor</i>
Spring is Here	<i>Dick</i>
MISS UPTON	
Sextette from "Lucia".....	<i>(Arranged for Left Hand)</i>
MISS MACFARLEN	

Wednesday afternoon an auction party was given at the home of Bertha Howard. In the evening a child's party, when the girls all dressed as children. Our guest of honor was Miss Mary Barker, of Chicago. Thursday morning a most enjoyable garden fete was given at the home of the Misses Bardwell. A centerpiece of grapes, white clematis and grape leaves adorned each table. It was with great reluctance we tore ourselves away in time for the fudge party at the house in the afternoon. In the evening only the Alpha Chis assembled at the house for a slumber party. It was not a great success as a slumber party, as very few slumbered. Mrs. Tennant arrived in the city this afternoon, September 29, and was met and taken to the chapter house by the president, Miss Bardwell, and Miss Upton. We hope to make her stay enjoyable and are glad to have the opportunity of becoming acquainted with her.

It was with pleasure we learned of the establishing of another Alpha Chi chapter in the west. We welcome Omicron into the sisterhood of Alpha Chi and wish her nothing but a most successful and happy life.

Since moving into our new home we have been honored by two guests, Miss Jessie Blanchard, Θ, and Miss Mary Barker, Γ, both of whose visits proved very delightful and instructive. Miss Barker had the pleasure of meeting our "rushees." Xi wishes all Alpha Chis a happy and prosperous year.

OMICRON

Baker University, Baldwin, Kas.

Omicron chapter wishes in this, her first letter to the LYRE, to extend loving greetings to all her sisters in the bond of Alpha Chi Omega.

We were very happy to receive the many kind letters and messages of "congratulation," and "best wishes" from the various chapters and members of the Grand Council. All letters and messages were read at the close of our installation banquet, Friday evening; following them we sang together, and they joined hands for the parting. We could not help at such a time having our hearts filled with the true significance and beauty of the motto, which makes us all one toward high and noble achievement.

We felt privileged to become acquainted with Mrs. Tennant and Miss Calkins. Miss Calkins sang beautifully one morning in the college chapel, and

also once during each hour of our large reception. Her toast at the banquet was very characteristic of her, so full of music and sweetness.

We can never express the inspiration and benefit which Mrs. Tennant was to us. In her banquet toast and every meeting we had with her she touched upon the most vital things of our college experience, and in her beautifully refined and cultured way brought to our realization not only the responsibilities, but glorious opportunities which they involve.

We have been a busy crowd of girls, the installation and opening of college coming in the same week. However, we think "it is worth it all to be an Alpha Chi."

The alumni enrollment is small at present. September is such a busy time for everybody. We are expecting a large enrollment before the end of the year. A large number of Nu Alpha alumnae are planning to return at Commencement time, when Baker University will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. The University has enjoyed a delightful opening season. W. P. Stubbs, candidate for governor of Kansas, gave the opening address, and the beautiful modern cantata, "Prayer, Promise, Praise," by W. H. Neidlinger, was given at the opening chapel service under the direction of the Conservatory of Music.

May this year and all the following years be rich in blessings to all our sisters, and may we of Omicron be ever mindful of our near relationship to Ω.

ALPHA ALPHA, CHICAGO

Owing to the continuous warm weather, which has been unusually trying in Chicago this summer, A A girls have not been very active. However, they are now looking ahead and enjoying much enthusiastic planning.

The one event of the summer was a picnic at Lincoln Park on September 3. Each girl brought her lunch and the afternoon was spent in true picnic fashion. The girls were happy to have as their guest, Jessie Mann.

The coming winter promises to be an eventful one for A A. In October, an important business meeting will be held, at which time various plans will be decided upon. One idea under consideration is a series of At Homes to occur about once every month. Each girl will have an opportunity to open her home and entertain, and it is thought that this will promote closer friendship among the members. The monthly luncheons will continue during the winter, the first one occurring Saturday, October 3. Several special events have been discussed, particularly musicales.

Of course, every girl is interested in the coming convention. A A expects to be well represented, as already several have planned to attend.

We are most happy to welcome the new active chapter, and are much interested in the new alumna chapter, Δ Δ. Every girl joins in sending cordial greetings to all Alpha Chi sisters.

BETA BETA, INDIANAPOLIS

The first meeting of the year was held the first Saturday of October, together with a luncheon at L. S. Ayer's Tea Room.

Business matters were discussed and delegates appointed to attend the convention. We also planned a picnic party to Mrs. Taggart's summer home

at Mooresville on next Thursday, October 8. We, with our husbands or friends, and also baskets of fried chicken, sandwiches, pickles and everything which goes to make up a genuine picnic dinner, will leave the city on the nine-forty-five inter-urban car, arriving at Mooresville an hour later, and thence to the beautiful summer home of Mrs. Taggart, to enjoy a day long to be remembered.

We are glad to have Maude Meserve Stoner with us now as a Beta Beta girl, coming so recently from the active chapter. She is full of enthusiasm, which proves a help to those of us who have been out of school longer.

Beta Beta hopes this will be the best year Alpha Chi has ever had, and extends heartiest congratulations to our new chapter at Baker University.

DELTA DELTA, LOS ANGELES

Since our organization was effected, less than a week ago, this letter will necessarily be brief. We wish, however, to send greeting to our sister chapters, and to express our keen pleasure at being the fourth alumnae chapter.

We had hoped to organize sooner, but because of unavoidable delays, it was not until September 25 that we were called together for our first meeting. We proceeded at once to organize, elected officers, and discussed some plans for the coming year. Owing to limited time, nothing definite was decided upon; we shall, however, be able to tell you more in the next issue of the *LYRE*. Those present at our first meeting were: Mrs. Janette Cushman, Beta; Mrs. Jessie Mills, Beta; Mrs. Ruth Young, Mrs. N. Louise Van Cleve, Louise White, Carrie Trowbridge, Mabel Chalfin, Myrtle McArthur, Marie Smith, Faye Buck and Blanche Gregg, all of Epsilon. We expect ten more Epsilon girls with us at the next meeting.

GAMMA GAMMA, NEW YORK

If all the sisters knew what an inspiring city New York is, I am sure $\Gamma \Gamma$ would have many new members this year. There are so many opportunities of which to take advantage—free lectures, recitals and art exhibits, and the world-famed museums. In the Art Museum is a collection of musical instruments of all nations and all ages, also construction cases which show every process in the art of making a piano, violin, cornet and other instruments. Then there are many, many concerts at which one may listen to the finest artists in the world, and how many future Melbas dream of the possibility of an opera season while diligently vocalizing! Oscar Hammerstein's venture into the operatic world has not only brought to this side some of our greatest artists, but has made it more possible for the real lovers of music, who seldom have full purses, to drink in the beauty of Tetrazinni's liquid notes without the painful consciousness of tired feet intruding. Can I make New York's charms more inviting? No city in the world can offer more to the young musician who, after her technical training, needs the culture and broadening which one may only hope to obtain by a process of absorption, as it were.

But $\Gamma \Gamma$ has not been able to find all the Alpha Chis already in the city, and we urge every one who reads this to help us in locating new members. It is hopeful that we can have a real studio in which to meet this

winter, but until that announcement is made, we shall look forward to welcoming all Alpha Chis to our regular luncheons at the Martha Washington Hotel, 29 East 29th street, on the second Friday in every month, at 1:00 p. m. We meet in the parlor on the second floor, and then stroll down to the dining room fifteen or twenty minutes later.

Γ Γ had a fine meeting in July, but on the day of our meeting in August, the president alone had the pleasure of entertaining Miss Matter of Baker University (since then an initiate of Omicron chapter).

At our September luncheon more of the girls appeared, and we had an enthusiastic time making plans for the coming year.

It is a matter of great regret to us that the state of our treasury does not permit of our sending a regular delegate to the convention this year, but we are hoping that Mrs. Margaret Kellogg Howard, our one Γ girl, may arrange to be there and steal some of the convention spirit, which may be used later to leaven the enthusiasm of the stay-at-homes. We send our affectionate greetings to our favored sisters who will be Iota's guests, and our good wishes to the hostesses, and three cheers for the convention, which promises to break all previous records.





PERSONALS



Two more pages of "Personals" in this number than in the last! May the good work go on! Let every reader contribute to the cause.

ALPHA

Miss Abbie Biederwolf, ex. '08, is teaching music and art in the schools of Monticello, Ind.

Miss Sadie Machem, '07, is teaching Latin and Botany in the High school at Greenburg, Ind.

Miss Kate Stanford, '04, is teaching near Lafayette, Ind.

BETA

Mrs. Mae Allen Striker has moved with her husband and small son to Filer, Idaho.

Mrs. Lucie McMaster Niles, of Chicago, visited Mrs. Alta Allen Loud during the past summer.

Misses Susie Perine and Eva Pratt spent the summer in foreign travel.

Mrs. Ethel Calkins McDonald and Miss Kate Calkins, of Chicago, spent the month of August with their parents in Albion.

Born, September 1, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hayden (nee Florence Bailey), of Lansing, a daughter.

Mrs. Marie White Longman has been taking a much needed rest at her parents' home in Albion.

Miss Margaret Mosher, who has been taking a course in Domestic Science at the University of Chicago, is at home for a part of the year.

Miss Grace Brown, of Lansing, has been spending the summer in Angola, Ind., and Albion.

Miss Jennie Worthington spent her summer's vacation traveling in the east, stopping in New York, Boston, Washington, and other cities. While in New York, she visited Miss Emma Crittenden, formerly of Albion, and while in Syracuse she met and entertained the Lambda girls.

Miss Jessie Blanchard has returned from Kearney, Neb., where she has been visiting her father. She reports a delightful time with the Xi girls at Lincoln, who right royally entertained her.

Miss Jessie Cushman visited Mrs. Alta Allen Loud in June. She is spending several months in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Blanche Bryant Dunbar, of Battle Creek, attended Beta's reunion in June.

Miss Cecil Smith, '11, of Albion, has gone to Kalamazoo to study art in the Normal.

Miss Lucile Singleton who, with her mother, took up her residence in Albion last year and entered college, has returned south to live, in Georgia.

Miss Daisie Newcomer, '08, is teaching music in the public schools at Bessemer, Northern Michigan.

Mrs. Frank Fall, of New York, who has been spending several months with her parents here, expects soon to return east with her little son, and take up her residence in Yonkers, where a fine new home awaits her coming.

Miss Cleora Miller, '08, has a fine position in the Hillsdale, Mich., High school.

Miss Maigie Goodenow visited in Jackson for ten days recently.

Mrs. Lillian Kirk Armstrong will soon move to Albion, her husband having been appointed district superintendent at the last Michigan conference of the Methodist church.

Miss Olah Hill, '01, of Albion, has entered Pratt Institute at Brooklyn, N. Y., to perfect herself in Art.

Miss Lulu Babcock, '07, is teaching at East Jordan, Mich., having returned after a successful year there.

Misses Blanche and Adeline Ballamy are at their home in Bay City this year.

The friends of Mrs. Myrtle Hatswell Bowman will be pleased to know that she is doing concert work. She sang at Ludington during the summer.

The engagement of Miss Kate Calkins, of Chicago, and Mr. Rollin C. Drake, Δ T, Michigan, ex. '01, of New Orleans, has been announced.

Mrs. Grace Disbrow Engle has the organ in the First Methodist church at Petoskey, Mich.

Mrs. Ada Dickie Hamlin visited in Buffalo recently.

Mrs. Effie Simpson Parmenter has a private music class in Petoskey, her home.

Miss Bessie Shanley has been traveling in the east, stopping in Washington, Atlantic City and Philadelphia.

Mrs. Tina Van Roy, of Detroit, visited in Albion in August.

Mrs. Emma Phelps Vary has been visiting in Detroit.

Miss Ethel Lovell, of Menominee, expects to attend convention and will afterwards visit the Beta girls.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lott (nee Gertrude Fairchild), of Three Rivers, Mich., a son.

The friends of Mrs. Carrie Bolster, of Albion, will be pleased to know that her daughter, Miss Edith, is improving after a severe illness.

Miss Gertrude Babcock, '08, is teaching in northern Michigan.

Mrs. Myrtle Hatswell Bowman, who studied with Genevieve Clark Wilson this summer, gave a recital before the Epworth Assembly at Ludington, Mich.

Mrs. Marie White Longman, Mrs. Susie McMaster Niles, Mrs. Ethel Calkins MacDonald, and Miss Kate Calkins, of Chicago, were guests at a dinner at the lodge in the grove, August 31.

Miss Mary Perine visited Miss Leona Wemple, Γ chapter, at her home in Waverly, Ill., the latter part of July.

Jessie Blanchard visited relatives in Nebraska during the summer.

The following alumnae attended Beta's reunion last June: Mrs. Louise Lane Knickerbocker, of Marshall; Mrs. Clarissa Dickie Stewart, of Battle Creek; Miss Mabel Keech, who is in the Deaconess Home at Philadelphia;

Mrs. Fellows, of Homer; Miss Elizabeth Smith, of Marshall; Miss Harriet Reynolds, Mrs. Garfield, Miss Mary Perine, Miss Susie Perine, Mrs. Alta Allen Loud, Mrs. Carrie Bolster, Luca Van Roy, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Nella Ramsdell Fall, Mrs. Mae Allen Striker, Miss Lulu Babcock, Miss Jessie Blanchard, Miss Georgia Goodenow, Miss Kate Granger, Miss Jennie Worthington, Miss Eva Pratt, Miss Madge Wilcox, Miss May Howey, Miss Mildred Sherk, Miss Jessie Cushman, Miss Blanche Dunbar, Miss Grace Brown, Miss Margaret Mosher, Mrs. Austen, Mrs. Ada Dickie Hamblin, Mrs. Ruth Griffin Cogshall, and Miss Myrtle H. Bowman.

GAMMA

Mrs. Wayman Jackson (Fleda Coleman), of Muskogee, Okla., has a daughter, Avenal Virginia, born May 27.

Mrs. Frank Kuhl (Florence Harris), of Beardstown, Ill., spent some time in August in Atlantic City and New York City.

Eleanor Parkinson, of Mt. Carmel, Ill., has charge of the choir of the Presbyterian church there.

Ethel Isbester was graduated from St. Luke's Hospital Training School in Denver, in June.

Mabel Barlow, of Bethany, Mo., spent the summer in Colorado.

Mrs. Ralph Dennis returned the first of September to her Evanston home, after two months spent in North Dakota and Iowa.

Florence Kelly is to teach during the coming winter at a convent school just outside of Madison.

Mrs. Tennant visited Mabel Siller in Evanston during the Inter-Sorority Conference.

Rachel Williams passed part of the summer in Evanston, but contrary to her previous plans, she will not return to Northwestern this fall.

Ruth Birge entertained Etta Brothers and Helen Hardie at an August house-party at her summer home, Winyah, at Macatawa Park, Michigan.

Miss Ella Young spent six weeks the earlier part of the summer in Brooklyn and other eastern cities.

Miss Leona Wemple is keeping house for her two brothers in St. Louis.

Theo. Chaffee and Grace Richardson spent August at Ottawa Beach and Spring Lake, Michigan.

Hedwig Brenneman and Mae Smith were in Ottawa, Ill., during the last week of August for an Alpha Phi-Alfa Chi camping party.

Relda Van Ryper has returned from abroad, and will spend the winter with her parents at 1345 Sheridan Road, Chicago, continuing her musical studies at Northwestern.

Ethel Harshbarger visited the chapter in October.

Hedwig Brenneman will sing soprano this year in the quartet of the Second Presbyterian Church in Evanston.

Helen Hardie has been appointed to the 1910 Syllabus Board.

DELTA

Miss Mary Howe, of Greenville, Pa., is spending a few days in Meadville, as the guest of her brother.

Miss Mabel McLean attended the Y. W. C. A. convention held at Moun-

tain Lake Park, Maryland, the first two weeks of September, as one of the delegates from Allegheny College.

Miss Mary Lord is visiting friends in Denver, Colo., for a few weeks.

Miss Clara Wheeling spent a few days in Union City, recently.

Miss Vera Bash is quite seriously ill at her home in Sewickley, Pa.

Anna M. Tarr spent the most of her summer vacation in Raymore, Mo.

Miss Olga Henry, '08, is teaching in her home town, Punxsutawney, this fall.

Miss Cecilia Shires is not attending college this year.

The engagement of Ethel S. Moore, Δ, to Ben F. Miller, Φ K Ω, was announced early in September.

Delta announces the engagement of Louise R. Lord to William Cappeau, Δ T Δ.

Frances Beyers Worthington, of Reidsville, N. C., visited in Coopers-town and Meadville during July and August.

Mabel Leffingwell Walraven, Pittsburg, visited in Meadville in August.

Zella Horne Wright, Monessen, spent two weeks with her parents in Greenville, Pa.

Ethel Steele, Punxsutawney, came back for commencement in June, and spent the following three weeks with friends in Meadville and Greenville.

Miss Bertha Cribbs, Oil City, visited Effie Sherred Johnson and Sara Evans, in Greenville.

Elizabeth McAllister Donnelly has moved from Mifflintown to Tyrone.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Layng (Belle K. Chase), of Greenville, enjoyed a trip to New York and Atlantic City the first two weeks in September.

Miss Anna Borland, Oil City, spent three weeks in Kane, Pa.

Born, to Florence Eastman Robinson, a son, in June.

Miss Vesta Leet, Greenville, visited Ruby Krick Evans at Kane in September.

EPSILON

Rowena Hall, who is traveling in Europe, when last heard from was in Heidelberg. She expects to return and resume her studies at U. S. C. some time in October.

Olive Berryman spent part of her vacation touring California in an automobile. During her wanderings she assisted in killing a 130-pound buck.

During the summer, Marie Jackson was seen enjoying the cool beach and the quiet waters of Avalon Bay, at Catalina Islands.

Katherine Asher has been recently elected vice-president of the Sophomore class, and has been chosen as basketball coach for the Academy students.

The engagement of Faye Buck to Trimble Barkelew, a Stanford graduate, was announced during the summer.

Maude Anderson has returned home from a pleasant visit in Monrovia.

Anne Shepard will be unable to attend school this year on account of the illness of her mother, but we expect to have her with us again next year.

Blanche Stump spent a part of her summer in the mountains at Idyllwild, and we are glad to welcome her back at U. S. C. after her vacation of over a year.

Luella Reeves has returned home after a summer spent at Santa Monica Beach, and will take up her study of music at U. S. C. again this year.

The Epsilon girls all regret to hear that Mrs. Harvey Holmes expects to move to Denver, Colo. She will be greatly missed by the girls here.

Pansy Newlin expects to move from Sierra Madre into Los Angeles that she may the more conveniently attend school.

ZETA

Winifred Byrd visited Mabel Davidson and Merle Reynolds in Fort Worth, Tex., this summer.

Blanche Crafts has returned to the Wesleyan Female Seminary to resume her teaching there.

Jean Baker was traveling in Europe with her mother this summer.

Louise Daniel spent an enjoyable vacation in the mountains at Elizabethtown, N. Y.

Edith Bly visited relatives in Pottstown, Pa., during the summer.

May Hall and Lucy Peery, who graduated last year, will spend the winter at home.

Lillian Goulston and Josephine Durrel spent the summer at Plymouth, Mass.

Jean Knappenburger has taken a position in Virginia.

Olive Cutter spent some time in North Woodstock, N. H., this summer.

Rachel Osgood and Merle Reynolds paid us a flying visit this fall.

Berry Georgeson spent the summer at Victoria, B. C.

Mabel Davis has returned to take charge of a large class in Beachmont.

Brenda Newton enjoyed her summer at Winnipeg Beach and Detroit, Minn.

Edna Whitehouse is teaching a large class at her home, but expects to return soon.

Evangeline Bridge and Blanche Crafts spent several months at Digby, Nova Scotia.

Marion McKay is spending the winter at her home in Tampa, Fla.

Sarah D. Morton has returned to the University of Illinois to resume her teaching.

Margaret Upcraft has been visiting Mrs. Mortimer Lawrence (Nelle Belle Jones). The following was copied from the Cleveland "Leader":

Miss Margaret E. Upcraft, who is the guest of Mrs. Mortimer Lawrence, has just received from Mr. William H. Taft his photograph, which is to be used on the title page of a new composition of Miss Upcraft's, named, by permission from Mr. Taft, "The Taft March." Miss Upcraft is a pianist and composer of note, having concertized in the larger cities of the country with success. Her compositions, both of classical character and light, have been popular, and "The Taft March" is bound to be more so. Miss Upcraft is in charge of the music department at the Misses Bangs and Whiton school, in New York city, one of the first of its kind in the city. Many society functions have been given in Miss Upcraft's honor during her stay in Cleveland.

Spicie Belle South has been visiting in Peoria, Ill., this summer.

Mrs. Carol Culley (Caroline Schmidt) has a son, born Sept. 27, 1908.

Zeta girls will be glad to know that Winifred Byrd is now at 57 Nassanische Strasse, Berlin, Germany, enjoying Berlin and Mme. Carreno exceedingly.

THE LYRE

THETA

Persis Goeschel will teach Latin, German and French in the Layseer, Mich., High School the ensuing year.

Florence Clemens will continue her musical studies at Oberlin, with great loss to Theta.

The engagement of Alza Starrett, of Detroit, to Dr. Chambers, has been announced.

Frances Joyce will not return to Michigan this year.

Louise Van Voorhis has spent her summer visiting Fleeta Lamo, in Aspen, Colo., and Frances Joyce, in Ogden, Utah.

IOTA

Grace Ewing, '08, is back in Urbana visiting for a few weeks.

Mamie B. Lewis and Harriet Garnett are attending the University again after an absence of a year.

Bess Bryan, who took a B. A. in Library Science last June, has a position in the Champaign city library.

Kate Busey still has charge of the art department of the Urbana schools.

Mary McNally, of Pueblo, Colo., and Percie Garnett attended summer school at Illinois this year.

Helen McCulloch is teaching in Mattoon, Bertha Walters, '07, in Evanston, and Bess Byers in Fort Collins, Colo.

Elsie Bean has a position in Prescott, Arizona.

Susan Reed, M. A., '08, has an assistantship in history in the University.

Pauline Drake has gone with her family to Seattle, Wash., to stay until the first of the year.

KAPPA

Armina J. Mowre is teaching this year at Billings, Mont.

Mrs. Birkhoff, of Iota, has moved to Madison.

Anne Pet Rueth is teaching music and elocution at Black River Falls, Wis.

Edna Grace Swenson was married October 15 to Mr. Mayer, of Madison.

Kathleen Riley is teaching this year at Argyle, Wis.

Sarah Morgan will spend the winter in California.

Florence Kelly, I, is teaching at Edgewood, a girls' school just out of Madison, and we are very glad to have her with us.

Miss Siller was in Madison in August and the girls in town were very glad to meet her.

Marge H'Doubler visited in Milwaukee this summer.

Helen Jennings is living in town and is active again.

Grace Howe is attending Stout Institute at Menomonie.

The Misses Sarah and Gladys Sutherland visited in Milwaukee in August.

Alma Slater spent a part of her summer vacation in Peoria and Oak Park, Ill.

Mabel Van Epps, '06, is taking a trip through the East.

LAMBDA

Marjorie Wall is teaching at Leachwood Seminary, Norfolk, Va.
 Evalyn Peterson, who has a position at Sodus, N. Y., has been a guest at the chapter house for the last few days.
 Adelaide Durston is at Rushville again this year.
 Jessie Lansing has a position at Ellenburg Depot.
 Selma Ewensen stopped over Sunday at the chapter house on her way to Canastota, where she is teaching music.
 Frances Waldo is staying at the chapter house this year. She is teaching music at Savannah, N. Y.
 Olive Morris left Syracuse in August for Farmington, Minn., where she has a position as teacher.
 Harriet Moore spent Sunday at the chapter house a few weeks ago. She is at La Fargeville this year.

MU

Miss Florence Armstrong is local Y. W. C. A. secretary in the State Agricultural College at Ames.
 Miss Mayme Silliman, '08, is teaching public school music in Garner, Ia., this year.
 Miss Iroline Dye, who is now at home, expects to re-enter Simpson in December.
 Miss Carrie McFadon, '08, is teaching English and music in the Guthrie Center High School.
 The Conservatory again numbers among its instructors Miss Alice Barrows, who has been studying in Berlin for the past three years.
 Miss Fern Ogg, who spent last year in North Dakota, is again in Simpson.
 Miss Ada Schimelfenig, '07, is principal of the High School in Britt, Ia.
 Miss Ellen Conrey teaches in her home town, Leon, Ia.

NU

We enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Tennant the last of September. She was to have been initiated into the wonders of a beefsteak fry, but a snow storm came to her rescue.
 Irene Hall, Jessie Rodgers, Margarette Sutton and Elsie Clark, of '08, are instructing various classes of Colorado's future citizens.
 Dora Powelson has discontinued her work in the University in order to study voice culture under Dr. Whitman, of Denver.
 Willa Wales came down from Loveland, Irene Hall from Castle Rock, to help us during rushing week.
 Colorado Agricultural College has stolen Jessie Davis from us for this year.
 Franc Judd has begun her Sophomore work at Rockford College, Rockford, Ill.

XI

Mrs. Grace Slaughter Gamble will leave this week for Paris to pursue her study of piano and French. We wish her bon voyage and the very best the year can bring her.

Mrs. Sommerville has been spending her vacation in Indiana, and returned in time to assist us in rush work.

Harriette Bardwell returned September 1, after teaching piano in the Conservatory of Music at College Springs, Iowa.

Emma Farrow is now situated at Morge, Switzerland. Later she goes to Paris for study.

Beulah Buckley, who has been traveling in Europe during the summer, sails for America September 23, from Queenstown.

Two of our last year graduates are to be with us again this year, Alice Leshner and May Bardwell. Miss Bardwell is to assist in the geology and geography department at the State University, as well as take her M. A.

Beulah Jennings, a pledge of Xi chapter, is chairman of the visiting committee in the Y. W. C. A., and vice-president of the Union Literary Society.

Beulah Goodson remains in Kansas City until the second semester.

ALPHA ALPHA

Mrs. Warren Kidder (Irene Stevens) has a son, born in July.

Cordelia and Emma Hanson were at the Dells of Wisconsin during July.

Mrs. Ralph Dennis (Myrta McKean) spent the summer in Wahpeton, N. D., and Traer, Ia.

Gertrude Ogden and Russell McMurphy were soloists at the Assembly in Madison, Wis., in July.

Alpha Chis held a picnic in Lincoln Park, September 5.

Cordelia Hanson took the summer music course under Mrs. Crosby-Adams, in Oak Park, in August.

Mrs. Walter Mitchell (Beulah Hough) visited near Mackinac part of the summer.

Theodora Chaffee and Grace Richardson spent part of the summer in Michigan.

Mabel Siller visited Mrs. Florence Harris Kuhl in Beardstown during part of July. Later she spent some time at the Dells and at Madison, and had the pleasure of meeting several of the Kappa girls.

Ella Young spent six weeks in New York state.

Mrs. Maurice Miller (Carrie Holbrook) had a cottage at Holland, Mich.

Mrs. Theodore Bergey (Ethel Sutherland) has returned from a summer in Paris.

Mrs. Arthur McClintock (Louise Burchard) visited her mother in Cambridge Springs, Pa., in August.

Mrs. Grant Kingery (Stella Chamblin) has had her sisters, Mrs. Whitcomb and Mrs. Caswell, as her guests during the summer.

Elizabeth Scales has returned from Berkeley, Cal., where she has been visiting her sister.

May Vose spent the summer in Wisconsin and Michigan. She will assist in the Primary Department of the Lincoln School this year.

Grace Ericson visited in New England part of the summer.

Zella Marshall and Mabel Jones spent the summer traveling in Europe. Tina Mae Haines will be the organist at the St. James Methodist church during the coming season.

Mabel Jones has returned from a summer in Europe.

Mrs. Morris Miller (Carrie Holbrook) visited in La Crosse in September.

Mrs. Julian Smith (Christine Atwood) and daughter have left for an extended visit with relatives in Beloit, Kan.

Mrs. Harry Osborne (Estella Hibbard) has returned from a visit with her parents in Grand Rapids, Mich.

BETA BETA, INDIANAPOLIS

Marie Wood has returned from her summer home at Lake Maxinkuckee and has begun her work as teacher of a large music class in the city.

Maude Meserve Stoner spent a few days with Alpha sisters at De Pauw on her way home from Robinson, Ill. She expects to attend the party given to the new girls on October 10.

Pearl Armitage Jameson, of North Dakota, was in the city last week and saw several Beta Beta girls. She was on her way to Peru, Ind., for a visit with home folks.

Alta Roberts spent several weeks this summer visiting relatives and friends in Rising Sun and Shelbyville, Ind.

Pearl Shaw Thomas, of Clarksburg, Ind., and Maude Meserve Stoner, Indianapolis, visited Daisy Estep Reichards at Danville last week.

Ruth Bonner is with her father in Denver attending the Bankers' convention. She will remain in Colorado several weeks.

Elma Patton Wade and son Robert returned the last of August from a three weeks' stay at Glen Lake, Mich.

Sadie Machlan is teacher of Latin in the Greensburg High School this year.

Mabelle Johnson Weaver and daughter Helen have recently returned from a visit with Mrs. Weaver's parents at Carthage, Ind.

GAMMA GAMMA

Mrs. Violet Truell Johnston spent the summer in Maine (at Southport). Mrs. Johnston has recently refused a very flattering offer to take charge of the violin department in the college at Milton, Wis. She will remain in Plainfield, N. J.

Mrs. Herbert Taylor (Alta Moyer) has moved to 113 Amhurst street, East Orange, and expects to have her mother and father with her for the winter.

Miss Juvenile Porter spent part of her vacation in Meadville, and was another Γ Γ representative at the musicale given to Κ Κ Γ by Α Χ Ω.

Mrs. Wade Hampton Rothgeb (Mabel Hayward) has moved to 250 West 183rd street, New York City. Mrs. Rothgeb visited her former home in Illinois in August.

Γ Γ is particularly interested in Navy football this year, as Miss Northcroft's brother is captain of the team.

Miss Sara Evans and Mrs. Alta Moyer Taylor appeared on the program at the concert tendered by Delta to the delegates of K K Γ in convention at Meadville, Pa., in August.

Mrs. Jean Whitcomb Fenn was obliged to shorten her vacation in the Gatskills because of a severe attack of malaria. She was able, however, to open her piano-forte studio in the Metropolitan Opera House Building on the 15th of September.

Miss Emma Crittenden entertained Miss Worthington of Beta at her home in August.

Mrs. Fay Barnaby Kent attended the Organists' convention at Ocean Grove during the summer, when Edwin Lemare, of England, gave a series of recitals. Mrs. Kent is taking a special course in music at Columbia this Fall.

Mrs. Frederick M. Green has spent the summer at Charlevoix, one of the popular resorts in Northern Michigan, where she was entertained by two Theta sisters, Winifred Bartholomew and Mrs. L. L. Howard (Margaret Kellogg). Mrs. Lawrence Howard will visit in the west this fall and hopes to be in Champaign for the convention.

Mrs. Daisy Snell Echlin has been at Haines Falls in the Catskill during the summer months.

Miss Olah Hill, of Beta, will study at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn this winter, and we hope to interest her in the chapter work.

Mrs. Frank Fall will return to the city in October after a summer spent in Michigan.

Marriages

The marriage of Miss Mayme Cutler and Dr. A. F. Bronson, Δ Σ Δ, of Nora Springs, Iowa, has been announced.

Vera Burkhart (Θ) was married July 4 to Mr. Hill, superintendent of schools at Seulsers Grove, Va.

Marjorie Grafius (I) was married to George Birkhoff, September 2, 1908. They will make their home in Madison, Wis., where Mr. Birkhoff is a member of the faculty of the University of Wisconsin. Leila Barnard, Olah Wyeth and Leila Weilep were attendants at the wedding.

In June, Elizabeth Egleston (Z) and Mr. Hinman, of Denver, Colo., were married at Pasadena, Cal.

Ruby Marsh (Δ) was married to Albert Eldred (Φ Γ Δ) at Townville, Pa., on September 9, 1908.

The marriage of Edna Grace Severson (K) to Mr. Mayer, of Madison, took place October 15, 1908.

Ina Gregg (I), ex. '03, and Frank Thomas (Σ N), were married September 2, 1908. They will live in Urbana, Ill.

The marriage of Leila Weillepp (I) and Virgil Musselman (Σ X) took place September 24, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Musselman will be at home in Quincy, Ill., after December 1, 1908.

Dorothy Logan, A, was married this summer to Mr. Lester Weyburn.

“Ενθα καί”Ενθα

Δ Δ Δ established Delta Alpha chapter at De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind., June 8, 1908.

Φ Β Κ has entered the University of Michigan.

Α Ξ Δ announces the installation of Xi chapter at Kentucky State University, September 11, 1908.

A new inter-sorority has been formed at Northwestern, with two or more representatives from each sorority. It is called Σ Σ.—The Key.

Regent Keesling, of Σ Ν, advocates non-secrecy for his fraternity, believing

“that the college fraternity has outgrown whatever reason there ever may have been for secrecy.”—The Delta.

The Illinois Wesleyan chapter of Κ Κ Γ has pledged \$1,000 to the University as a permanent scholarship fund.—Quoted from The Key by The Arrow.

At Simpson the local Pan-Hellenic Council requires students to be members of the school at least one semester, and to have an average of 85 per cent in their studies, before an invitation from a fraternity can be extended.

An excellent idea :

A number of chapters of Α Τ Ο set apart an evening for the entertainment of different members of the faculties. In this way, a better mutual acquaintance is affected.

A charming toast scheme, as carried out by the Nebraska chapter of $\Pi B \Phi$:

The toast scheme represented a carnation, each toast corresponding to a part; the "root was one, the "stem" another, and so on until we reached the "perfect flower."—The Arrow.

This same chapter presents each graduate with a spoon bearing the $\Pi B \Phi$ monogram. Each bride also receives one dozen forks, which are always of the same pattern as the spoons.

Three excellent plans for alumnae chapters:

The Los Angeles Alumnae Association of $\Delta \Gamma$ has placed a register in the office of the local Y. W. C. A. for the benefit of any Delta Gammas who may be in Los Angeles. This register has in it all the names, chapters, and addresses of the association's members, and already one or two visitors.—Quoted from The Anchora by The Arrow.

The Boston Alumnae Club of $\Pi B \Phi$ writes:

Those who live as such a distance as to be prevented from attending our meetings, have received letters informing them concerning our work. Interest has also been sustained by printed programs of our meetings, so that the girls might plan early to attend.—The Arrow.

Nearly twenty years ago, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ adopted the plan of having a special observance by alumnae throughout the country on a particular day every year, and this plan has since been adopted by several other fraternities. The plan is of sufficiently long standing to demonstrate its success.—The Scroll.

Although the following "Superscription" from the Illinois chapter of ΣN applies in some of its lines especially to the masculine sex, it contains such excellent advice, we cheerfully copy it:

Think twice before you cuss, and then say it to yourself.

Guard your temper closer than your wallet. Laugh loud and heartily at a brother's joke.

Neither underestimate a brother nor overestimate yourself.

Be considerate. You will never lose anything by it.

Wear a pleasant smile three-fourths of the time and you will get the habit.

Be a pusher instead of a hanger-on.

Don't be afraid you'll do a little more than someone else.

Learn to take a "jolly" in good spirit.

Be gentlemanly, kind, considerate, honest and loyal. In a word, have the Sigma Nu spirit.—The Delta.

Concerning the necessity of four-year members, the editor of The Rainbow writes :

Where a chapter initiates a man, it and the fraternity has the right to expect from him four years of undergraduate service in return for the privilege of membership. The great ideal of every fraternity is homogeneity of membership. To obtain this result in its finished product, the alumnus, four full years of undergraduate chapter experience is vitally essential. No matter what personal attributes or qualities a man may possess at the time of his initiation, he can not, in one year or two years, assimilate his fraternity's teachings, appreciate its ideals, conform to its type. In $\Delta T \Delta$ we have had many of these members, who have proved interested and valuable alumni. But as a rule, their alumni value is small compared with that of the regularly graduated brother.

Among the earnest advocates for standing firm on the question of character during our strenuous rushing season, we find the editor of The Delta Upsilon Quarterly, from whom we quote :

Superficiality and the dangerous recommendations of family are a bait at which our over-zealous chapters snap with avidity. A reform in method is bound to come sooner or later, either through Pan-Hellenic co-operation or through a coming to their senses of the different chapters. Would it cripple your chapter hopelessly if you took in *not one new member* this year? Or do you need the deceit of the rushing glamour to swing your man? Can you stand to be probed as well as to probe? If so, sound the first note in a movement against this senseless way of pledging new men.

Responding to the toast, "Yours in the Bond," Wm. A. White, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, made so beautiful an interpretation of that pledge, that we wish to pass its influence on to all within the "Bond." :

Let life smile her sardonic smile at youth and its visions. But if those visions are grounded into conduct, if those visions for a few years are made the foundation of a real life, then, he who has faith in them, who has learned the true source of his happiness, and has strength of will to live in manhood as he lived in youth, may snap his fingers at life, and through all the buffets of chance and circumstance, he may keep his vision until it comes true in his destiny. There is nothing so true in this world as the visions of youth, for then the mind is clear of bias, free from the myths that life teaches, unpoisoned by the taint of business ethics. You, who have gone through this fraternity happily, may go happily through the world if you will go as you have gone through these years of your youth. You may not get money in going, but you will get usefulness, and with usefulness you will get happiness. "Yours in the Bond," spoken and lived in your formative days to those in this brotherhood, will make you useful and happy all this life if you broaden the bond. Take in all the world as we took in the barbarians. The world is no better and no worse than we were, if you will treat it as we treated our fellows. Kindness makes men happy whether they are kind in the fraternity at college, or in the great fraternity of life. And the message that Kansas Alpha of twenty years

ago, brings to the boys of the active chapter today, is this: "Yours in the Bond" will work outside of school, will bring happiness and usefulness and all of the comforts, if not the luxuries of this world, if you will only try it. * * * Whatever happiness has come to us—and much has come—has come through service * * * So across the years we sent you this simple message, "Yours in the Bond," will work, in life—try it—broaden it and try it. For in this life the curse is on him who curses, the blessing on him who prays.—Copied from The Record, Σ Δ Ε.

At their last convention, K K Γ reports having acted upon five changes in the constitution, twenty-four in the standing rules, and twenty-one general suggestions relative to vital problems of development.

All severance of membership is now included in the two grades dismissed and expelled. An assistant registrar has been appointed, also a Custodian of the Key, who must sign all orders for badges, return coupon after the order is filled and make new contracts with all official jewelers. The question of who shall be initiated where a new chapter was added, was also definitely settled, by voting that those women whose names appear on the petition granted shall be installed provided at the time they petition they were regularly matriculated students at the institution concerned and taking the required work. A song sheet including chapter songs was authorized. Under qualifications for membership, it was agreed that the policy of the fraternity be to pledge not earlier than the beginning of the second semester, and for entrance into K K Γ to require every girl to fulfill the entrance requirements for the College of Liberal Arts in the university in which she is entered, no matter what course she is pursuing. An interesting new committee was appointed, consisting of the delegates from chapters having houses, to be called the Chapter House Policy Committee.—The Key.

Mud on Wheels.

Doubt and distrust will not bring triumphs. The girl who joins a sorority and then begins to find fault with its management, criticises its officers and otherwise to create doubt and distrust among members and non-members, is to be pitied for her lack of horse-sense. She wants the sorority to get results—but everything she does and says has a tendency to prevent the thing she most desires. In fact, she is herself an obstacle in the way of progress, a stumbling block to her sorority. Good results for any sorority are never obtained by girls of this character. The girls who get results are the girls who have confidence in themselves, in their fellowmen and in those who are trying to improve the conditions of their sorority. These girls prove their faith by their works, and win their goal by striving for it. They are the power which makes the wheels move forward. The knockers who do nothing but doubt and complain, are just so much mud on the wheels.—The Parchment.



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A Message from Our Grand President

With convention enthusiasm fresh in our hearts and a new year full of promise opening before us, this is an opportune time to extend a word of greeting to our fraternity.

The term just closing has, thanks to our united and harmonious "team work," been a most successful one, and the advance made is an incentive to still greater effort on the part of all members to attain a standard and position that will make us known throughout the Pan-Hellenic world as an exemplification of all the better things for which a fraternity stands.

Our recent Grand Chapter meeting was an inspiring one, and I am confident that all whose privilege it was to participate in it went away with their enthusiasm and zeal for Alpha Chi Omega rekindled, having been made nobler and stronger by the personal contact with six score of our women, tried and true. Had every member, active and alumnae, been present, no exhortation to service would be necessary, but so Utopian a condition never has been realized, nor ever will be. Hence upon each delegate and visitor rests the responsibility of scattering the good seed there sown and inspiring in the hearts of all Alpha Chis a desire for advancement along the lines mapped out at convention.

It was a source of gratification to the members of the Grand Council to see that the chapters had exercised care in the election of convention delegates, choosing girls who were thoughtful, alert, and well informed on matters of chapter and national policy. Pleasing indeed was it to notice the harmony prevailing, the readiness with which each delegate waived her own opinions and those of her chap-

ter, and better yet, the grace with which concessions were made and defeat accepted. If only this convention spirit can find its way into each chapter and into the hearts of the great body of our alumnae, the future is a bright one and we need have no fear.

To the active girls, let us urge a closer fraternal fellowship, higher scholarship, a loyal participation in all college activities, and an earnest effort to reflect in local Pan-Hellenic, Alpha Chi's strong desire for less elaborate entertaining, a late pledge-day, and the realization of saner conditions.

Several important steps were taken at convention which will bring our alumnae in closer touch with the active chapters and the work of the national fraternity. No one phase of our fraternity life is of greater importance than this, and to bring about the desired end we ask the loyal co-operation of every Alpha Chi.

That ours is a policy of conservative expansion is proved by the fact that though a number of petitions for charters were received, none was granted at the Grand Chapter meeting. "Internal development" seems to be the cry these days, and through the medium of our inspector, alumnae advisors, alumnae letters, reunions, and scholarship reports, the interests of each chapter will be safeguarded. Let us be progressive and yet conservative, taking no step that we shall later regret, and while we shall grow in numbers, let this growth also be in strength, individually and collectively. Guided by those safety principles upon which Alpha Chi Omega is founded, let us work together hand in hand for the realization of our ideals. Thus shall we grow in strength and wisdom, until none can contest with us the right to say that we represent all that is great and good in the collegiate fraternity.

ALTA ALLEN LOUD.

The Business of the Grand Chapter

Writing of the business of a fraternity convention must be a process of elimination. The business sessions are the most vital part of a convention, and it seems a pity that every alumna cannot have a copy of the minutes as well as her active sister, but at present the LYRE is our only means for general communication and informa-

tion, and unfortunately but few transactions of a secret organization can be spread broadcast.

Splendid work was done at the eleventh biennial convention. Every chapter, active and alumna, was represented, and all Council members save our vice-president, Mrs. Howell, were present. To Mrs. Howell was sent a message of love and sympathy from the whole convention expressing sincere regret that she could not be with us. Never in my experience of five consecutive national conventions has greater interest and enthusiasm been shown for the inside workings of the fraternity—not only on the part of those officially appointed, but also on the part of the visitors. Each session found the spacious rooms of the house which were reserved for our meetings, well filled, and the alumnae responded freely and voluntarily to calls for opinions and advice on various topics under consideration.

Our most efficient Grand President, Mrs. Loud, piloted us through the devious business of the convention under strict observance of parliamentary law, thereby eliminating confusion, that time-consumer which so often attends executive bodies—and lending dignity found only under such conditions.

On Wednesday morning at the opening session we were welcomed to the university by Dean Clark, to whom Miss Siller responded in behalf of the fraternity; and then Miss Ewing gave us a warm welcome to the heart and home of Iota, to which Mrs. Tennant answered by expressing the appreciation of all who were to have a share in this delightful hospitality.

Through reports from the delegates we heard just what each chapter had accomplished during the past two years, and from the Council members we learned what the fraternity had been doing nationally, all of which was vastly interesting. The most excellent system of doing the work as far as possible through committees was decided upon, and a plan to dispose of the smaller miscellaneous business first, thereby providing time for the committee to get the larger subjects into shape to be put before the convention.

Of the work left over from 1906, the most noteworthy achievements perhaps have been the completion of the Directory by Miss

Siller and the new edition of the song-book by Mrs. Dennis. These women deserve the gratitude of all Alpha Chis for their splendid work. Mrs. Loud and Mrs. Howell have labored long and faithfully on our coat-of-arms, and we are soon to have the finished product perfectly in accord with heraldic principals and truly significant to all who know and love our ritual. Mrs. Haseltine's report of LYRE work was fine. I wish it were "the time and the place (it certainly *is* the girl)"—to pay a glowing tribute to our editor. The chapters showed their appreciation of her efforts by passing a financial ruling which at first seemed excessive, but which assures her and future editors of support.

Another financial adoption was a per capita tax in place of the present system.

The alumnae field was discussed at length, resulting in the creation of the office of Chief Alumna, the arrangement for alumnae letters both from the active chapters and the national organization, and the establishment of definite reunion days. Our alumnae chapters are young, but they are enthusiastic. We expect to have many more chapters and more adequate organization.

At last our examination system is settled to the satisfaction of all concerned. It involves a pre-entrance examination, and one in the Sophomore and Junior years, thus bringing them in the years in which they are most needed.

A custodian of the pin was appointed, and no orders can be filled without her indorsement.

Extension, Pan-Hellenics, and the chapter house came in for their full share of attention. Under the first, several petitions were received, but none granted. Under the second, co-operation and a late pledge-day was urged, while the problem of the chapter house received many needed suggestions from Mrs. Tennant. Several of the chapters reported a movement towards owning their houses. The work and discussion on the ritual and also on the minor ceremonies, was intensely interesting. The report of the committee on the latter was accepted; and more time granted those whose labors involve the revision and unification of the ritual.

Any organization of variously located chapters is required to

guard against the localisms of said chapters in order to maintain a desired uniformity. To this end at the close of the afternoon one day, Iota gave us a model initiation service. What person there was not deeply impressed with the loveliness of it all—its simple dignity and its beauty! Would that every alumna in her maturer years might have such an inspiring experience.

The nominating committee presented the following names and all were unanimously elected amidst enthusiastic applause: Grand President, Mrs. Edward Loud of Albion, Mich.; Grand Vice-President, Mrs. Horace M. Kent of Bayonne, N. J.; Grand Secretary, Mrs. Elmer Soule of Detroit, Mich.; Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Ralph Dennis of Evanston, Ill.; Grand Historian, Miss Mabel Siller of Evanston, Ill.; Editor, Mrs. Wm. Haseltine of Ripon, Wis.; Inspector, Miss Laura A. Howe, Miss Kate L. Calkins.

With our beautiful closing ceremony, the business of a glorious convention came to an end. Had not the banquet been so near at hand, our hearts would indeed have been heavy; but with the fresh realization of things accomplished and work laid aside for the while—with the anticipation of effervescent fun and song and good-fellowship tingling in our veins, we went our various ways more convinced than ever of the joy of living.

LAURA A. HOWE, Z, '01.

The Illumination of Convention

To those of us fortunate enough to attend convention, the three days, crammed full of business and pleasure, that we spent at Champaign, will always remain red letter days in our calendar. There was not a moment, from the time we boarded the train at our home town, to the time when we again reached home, which was not enjoyed to the full.

The fun began for a large delegation of us when the train from Chicago to Champaign pulled out, and we discovered that though there were, most inconveniently, some other people on the train, there were, as well, enough Chis to make a good time. Delta, Lambda Zeta, Gamma and Beta were represented, and a Chi pin was all the

introduction needed. The very minute the train stopped at Champaign, after a pleasant, but rather hungry trip for some of us who had been misled into expecting a diner where there was none, we felt at home, for the first thing we heard, above the din of the confusion, was the Chi whistle, and voices calling, "Alpha Chis, this way!"

On our arrival at the chapter house we found ourselves in the midst of festivities almost before we could remove our hats, and certainly before we could remove the grime of travelling. On all sides were friends greeting friends, and the babel resulting proved that we were fast getting acquainted.

The next morning, refreshed by a good night's rest, we began to find ourselves and to get into the swing of things. To those of us who had never before attended convention, our first business session was a revelation. Towards noon, work was suspended in order that we might listen to a Thanksgiving address, given in a very able manner by the Rev. Dr. Moore.

In the afternoon we were "personally conducted" in groups, to Miss Baker's home on University avenue, where a delightful tea was given in honor of the convention visitors. Here, for the first time, though not the last, we met the Grand Council formally, also many representatives of the other fraternities. A short musical program was greatly enjoyed by the guests. On Thanksgiving night occurred the convention dance. This was held at University Hall, which was decorated in red and green. At this party we were given the opportunity of meeting more of the university people, and very charming they proved to be.

Friday noon the convention picture was taken by a patient and long-suffering photographer, who, by dint of much perseverance, at last managed to get everybody placed to his satisfaction. At night a musicale was given in Morrow Hall, by members from different chapters. And weren't we proud of our A X sisters? Some of the numbers, especially, showed extraordinary talent.

Saturday afternoon, after the last business session, we boarded the trolley again, this time for a delightful tea at the beautiful home of Mrs. Kauffman, one of Iota's patronesses. Our Alpha Chi colors,

always predominant on such an occasion, seemed in their cheery effectiveness a fitting decoration for the groups of happy, bright and chatting girls.

But the banquet was "the greatest of these," and added the finishing touch to the splendid good time we had been having. The long tables, strewn with red carnations and smilax, and surrounded with pretty girls in pretty gowns, was a beautiful sight. And the very atmosphere, brimming over with good will and fraternity "cheer," though not the kind that Zeta meant by that term, filled our hearts with enthusiasm and pride in Alpha Chi.

Then the toasts! Was there ever heard before such gay sallies, such sparkling wit, and underneath it all such deep tenderness and sisterly affection! The toastmistress, Miss Baker, set the standard high, and right well did the "toasters" follow her lead. But the speech that touched us all the most was one not down on the program. The few words said by Mrs. Tennant straight out of her loving mother heart sank deep into our hearts and made us love her more than ever.

I am almost forgetting, in my enthusiasm over the toasts, our song birds in the gallery, who led the inspiring singing between acts, or rather toasts. No girl who was at convention can fail to appreciate Mrs. Dennis' hard work in getting out the new song books, or will forget how some of the new songs sounded when sung by so many A Xs. And who is there who was present at the banquet, who will soon forget the inspiring words of our Grand President in the closing toast, or the deep and intense feeling of mingled joy and pain with which we all drank in turn from the loving cup, the toast which every sister in Alpha Chi should drink with heart full of gratitude, loyalty and love—a toast to our beloved fraternity—may her splendor never be diminished or her daughters never fail her.

And with regret and happiness mingled, the 1908 convention was over.

FLORENCE FALL, B.

THE LYRE

I very much regret, indeed, that I am unable to attend the coming convention at Champaign. I trust you will have a most pleasant and profitable time and that a number of the founders will find it convenient to attend.

Very cordially yours,

NELLIE GAMBLE CHILDS, Martinsville, Ill.

Tacoma, Wash., November 26, 1908.

Warm greeting to Alpha Chi. I wish I could be with you.

MAUD POWELL.

Madison, Wis., November 27.

All success to Alpha Chi Omega tonight and forever.

MARJORIE GRAFIUS BERKHOFF.

Ottawa, Kan., November 27, 1908.

Love and best wishes from one new in the bond.

MRS. A. HAGGART, O.

Boston, Mass., November 27, 1908.

Zeta feels sure the convention has been most successful. Congratulations.

Baldwin, Kan., November 27, 1908.

Greetings from Omicron.

We are so sorry not to be represented at convention. It is only at these times that we realize our distance from you.

Wishing you all kinds of success at convention, I am,

Sincerely,

LEILA S. BROWN,

Cor. Sec'y Δ Δ, 2820 Budlong Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

Nu sends greetings and wishes that this may be the most successful convention in the history of Alpha Chi Omega.

How we should all love to be there; but as we cannot, our thoughts will be with you, as well as our good wishes.

Yours in Π Π,

Boulder, Colo., Nov. 22, 1908.

ETHEL BROWN.

Pittsburg, Pa., November 28, 1908.

Phi Delta Theta convention extends greetings. Newly elected president General Council married Alpha Chi.

FRED J. COXE, Secretary.

Kindly extend to the grand officers and delegates my best wishes for the most successful convention in Alpha Chi Omega's history. I trust that the new year now opening will be one of exceptional progress. The fraternity is to be congratulated upon the very marked advance made during the past year.

Yours in the bonds,

IDA SHAW MARTIN, Δ Δ Δ.

To the Grand Council and Convention of the Alpha Chi Omega Fraternity.

Greetings: May your convention be one of inspiration and of thorough enjoyment.

Most sincerely,

EDITH STONER, Grand President K K Γ.

November 22, 1908.

Convention Impressions

To go, or not to go: that was the question:
 Whether 'twas nobler to remain at home
 With babe and husband on the Atlantic shore,
 Or to take train to far-away convention
 And forthwith to attend it. To see, to hear;
 No more; and by that sight to put an end
 To longing and the thousand wistful hopes
 My flesh was heir to; 'twas a consummation
 Devoutly to be wished! I went, I saw,
 I heard: was it a dream? Ay, there's the rub!
 For since those Champaign days what dreams have come.
 The festive dance; the joyous intercourse
 That makes our lives more rich in retrospect;
 The mem'ry of the hospitality so
 Freely shown; the concert with its melodies
 Diversely blended in harmonious whole
 Must give us pause; 'tis the aspect
 That makes fraternity of so long life.
 Who would not hold again the sweet commune,
 And sing once more the songs so dear to all?
 Who would not see the banquet hall again
 Alive with cheer and toast till waning night
 Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of dawn?
 Why was it that we needs must shuffle off so
 Soon, departing on that Sunday morning drear?
 O, that the too, too happy time could last
 Forever, or till next convention call; and
 To its bourne may every Alpha Chi return!

VIRGINIA FISK GREEN, Θ—Γ Γ.

If I were to put in one word the impression that the recent convention of Alpha Chi made upon me, it would be,—Growth. As I sat and listened to the reports of the delegates of the work accomplished since last convention, heard the plans for new outlines of work, of greater and broader development along all lines, I went back in memory to the time when there were but two of us—Alpha and Beta. Changed almost beyond recognition along nearly every line, but two things never have been and never will be changed: the strong bond of love and sisterhood, and unswerving loyalty to our beloved fraternity. I wish it were possible for every alumna to attend a convention. If their interest had ever waned, if they had grown to think that Alpha Chi had no vital work in the college world, and they, themselves, no longer need keep in touch with the present day movements, one convention would revolutionize their whole outlook. May Alpha Chi steadily press forward in the future as she has in the past, and may our motto, "Come Higher," always be as a beacon light guiding us on.

JENNIE A. WORTHINGTON, B.

During the convention just passed, the very deepest lines in my memory were made by this fact: That Alpha Chi Omega is wide awake, using her opportunities, recognizing her possibilities, and legislating for her advancement.

There is no good reason why our beloved sisterhood should not stand as the embodiment of highest attainment, for there are no nobler ideals, no

most intent upon the good things of the Thanksgiving dinner in store for us, there came the "awakening," and for the first time I realized that it was not to be all play, and that there was serious and important work to be gone through with, which ought to require my best effort and ability.

After, we girls from Lincoln, had fully awakened from a rather listless state of mind arising from the necessity of changing cars at four-thirty A. M., the excitement of the Alpha Chi Omega gathering took hold of us deeply, and as each station sped by, our enthusiasm grew the greater, until we could have fairly shouted when "Champaign" was called out, in the deep stentorian voice which only the railroad brakemen know how to assume.

Champaign meant our journey's end and "convention" with its fund and gay functions and alas! for us who had anticipated only the social side, something far more exacting. Champaign was to us the thorough college town,—one couldn't say why this was our first impression, unless it were the long line of college gentlemen, trailing their large, gaily-decorated suit-cases down the streets, to board the trains from which we had just alighted. But everything seemed to bring this impression to us, which was further increased by the crowds of our own Alpha Chis who were waiting for us with a glad greeting and welcome to convention. It was then that the realization came to us of what a really great organization our fraternity is, and resistlessly our enthusiasm increased until we must give the yell or find some means of dispensing with our pent-up spirits.

No time in my life have I ever enjoyed meeting such crowds of people as at convention, and another thing that made all so pleasant and informal was the close link that we felt bound us all. Convention in this respect more than any other has meant more to me. Never had there been such an opportunity for us, who are young in the organization, to meet so many delightful and congenial girls. It has widened our acquaintance to such an extent, that in addition to the fraternal bond, we have one almost as close, that of close acquaintanceship.

As regards the serious business part of convention, it was indeed a revelation to see the number of subjects and difficulties that must be brought up and settled. Although the sessions sometimes were quite long, there was the keenest interest and pleasure taken in them by Xi's delegate. In a way it was such a relief to find that the other chapters were battling with the same difficulties that we were. It gave us a great deal of encouragement and, too, a great deal of help in solving our own difficulties. And we found that we were not alone in not having everything run along just as we would wish.

Another thing by which we were deeply impressed was the sympathy and nearness which each Grand Officer showed to all of the girls. They made themselves practically one of the girls, so much so that out of their official positions, they were one of us and carried with them none of that superiority and high dignity so evident when in their official positions. (Believe me, that I do not say that dignity was ever lacking them.)

Social "stunts," without which we can never do, had their honored place in the session's itinerary, and what gay functions they were! I am sure none of us will ever forget our good times, particularly the climax—our banquet—where all of us from every part of this great country of ours, were brought together for the last time. And as the hands of the clock began to point to the "wee sma' hours," there was heard time after time: "Oh, I wish we didn't have to go yet." But go we must, and not very long afterwards, as the next day dawned, we were one by one taking our way back to our respective homes.

Before closing, I wish to say that none, more than Xi, has appreciated

the open-hearted hospitality of Iota chapter, and we extend our hearty "thank yous" to the girls by whom our stay was made so pleasant.

Convention is over; we are home, and have so enthused our less fortunate sisters, who had remained at home, that even now they are fondly dreaming of our next convention, but not alone, however, for we who have been are going again.

Let me close these remembrances with, "Here's to Alpha Chi."

LILAH V. DAVIS, Ξ.

Convention,—the very word teems with associations of all sorts. To those of us who have had any part in the preparation for entertaining a convention, the first thought which it brings is connected with work. One of the most lasting impression of our last convention was the care and thoroughness with which our Iota sisters had made every preparation for our comfort and enjoyment.

Convention time always tests the sincerity of alumnae interest, and Iota can well be proud of the loyal efforts of her alumnae.

We Alpha girls were also very much interested in the excellent interfraternity spirit which seems to exist, evidenced by the hospitable opening of the chapter houses for our use.

Deepest of all, however, was the impression of the nobleness of fraternity which I carried away with me, and the duty which we all owe to Alpha Chi Omega in the carrying out of the fraternity ideals.

EDNA M. WALTERS, A.

The impressions I received at convention are ones which I will never forget. I enjoyed immensely both the business and social meetings while there. My enthusiasm for Alpha Chi Omega was greatly aroused, and Miss Fall and myself have endeavored to bring back this spirit to our girls.

I had not the slightest idea that so much business was transacted at our conventions, but it makes me realize all the more, how really important Alpha Chi Omega is among the national fraternities. Indeed, she cannot help but climb up higher and higher, under the guidance of such enthusiastic leaders.

Although I, perhaps, was the youngest delegate there, I shall never regret going in my Sophomore year, because now I have two more years of fraternity life.

EDNA NEWCOMER, B.

Not an active girl in all Gamma chapter had ever been to a convention, so it was with unusual excitement that twelve of us arrived in Champaign, that memorable day of the 25th of November. We now have a vivid picture of convention with its fine representatives of all our chapters and our Grand Council. I think the most impressive point which we will remember longest is the great advantage to become acquainted with the girls from various colleges, who although they all have the same high ideals, yet are different in various ways. None of us will forget Edna Walters, who was sure she would not do well in her toast, or Evangeline Bridge's beautiful playing. Everyone was so interested in making the whole affair such a success that even rainy weather could not have detracted from its glory. Even the receptions were marked successes, while the party Thursday evening was the most enjoyable one that I have ever attended.

This is the social side of convention, but when all these events have faded away, I shall remember the dignity of all the meetings. Here is where I learned what fraternity life really meant and what it is to be a true Alpha Chi. There is a serious side of our fraternity life which should be cultivated

by every girl, and until she recognizes this, she is not a typical Alpha Chi. What we accomplished at the business meetings can be told, but the awe-inspiring atmosphere and the dignity cannot be described. Everyone of us should go to all succeeding conventions. I have decided to become a permanent fixture to all future $\Delta X \Omega$ conventions, even if I must go without gloves during the intervening time.

MYRTLE E. JENSEN, Γ .

The delegates from Delta started to convention in a heavy rain. The train was several hours late, and continued to lose time, so that we reached Chicago five hours after our train had left for Champaign. After a long, tiresome wait, we went to board the next train for Champaign at 5:30 P. M. All the weariness of the day was dispelled when we entered the car, for we found that we were by no means among strangers. To see so many lyres made us prouder than ever that we, too, were Alpha Chis. At our destination, a large number of Iota girls soon had us comfortably lodged in the pleasant quarters which were to be ours for the next few days.

After a restful night, we were anxious to see and learn more of our sister chapters and their delegates. We had expected much from our meeting with them, and in this we were not disappointed.

On the whole, we feel that our convention was a grand occasion. We listened to many good words of wisdom and counsel. Every item of the reports and discussions was interesting; the character of the meetings was dignified and inspiring, and the benefits which we received were many.

We returned to our home chapter with higher aspirations and loftier ideals. The thoughts that seemed paramount in every girl's heart was to make Alpha Chi stand for the truest and best.

We owe much to Iota for their hospitality and generosity of spirit, which prove them to be loyal Alpha Chis.

DELTA.

As to my impressions of the convention, I hardly know what to say. Mine were certainly various and many in number. I do not think a girl realizes what her fraternity is or what it may mean to her until she goes to a convention and meets her sisters from the other chapters. We are so apt to have too much localism in our fraternity life. I know that now my fraternity and my sisters are dearer to me than they have been before. Coming from one of the new chapters, as I did, which had never been represented at convention before, there were so many new things to learn. I could learn many ideas from the business sessions as to order and methods of procedure, then from the model initiation I could take back many suggestions to the girls at home. The air of promptness impressed me, for by being prompt so much business was gotten through with.

Also there was a great deal of enthusiasm all through the convention. If the girls carried this back with them, the whole life of the chapter must be changed and much better work done for Alpha Chi. Then, too, I was impressed by the spirit with which every girl took part in the various affairs. It seemed as though each girl felt her responsibility in making the convention a success, and did her part to the best of her ability.

It was certainly a great convention, helpful in every way, and I am glad that I was able to be present and hope sometime to attend another and meet more of my sisters.

MARTHA LEE, A.

My first convention impression was "Girls." I did so thoroughly enjoy meeting so many delightful girls about whom I could take such pleasure in thinking, "She belongs to me!" I remember distinctly that on the first day of

the convention I thought, "And so all these lovely girls are Alpha Chis, and I never even knew them." It was very hard at first for me to realize that the convention was not just a Pan-Hellenic gathering, the girls from the various chapters being groups from different fraternities,—friendly, to be sure, and yet not quite so closely related to each other as to their own little family. But the longer I stayed, the more I realized that each one of these girls was an Alpha Chi just as much as any one from our own little crowd here, whom I knew so well. It was then that I received my most important convention impression,—that the group which is called Alpha Chi Omega here in our school, does not constitute the fraternity, but only one chapter of the national fraternity. It is a distressing confession to make to the girls who have known of other conventions, and who have met members of other chapters before, but I must admit that although I have long known that fraternity was a grand thing, and something that I would not have missed for a great deal, still my conception of the breadth and beauty of the national part of fraternity life was very meager as compared to the splendid reality of which I caught this one little but glorious glimpse.

ETHEL MACFADON, M.

Convention! When I hear that word I can close my eyes and see the large banquet table with the rows of happy A Xs seated around, and hear those inspiring A X songs. Of course, the banquet was but a part of the convention, but it was a very happy and appropriate ending. How relieved the faithful Grand Council looked! I am sure it was the one thing most of all, and we were all happy to think that so much good had been accomplished. It was hard to realize the first day, that we were all Alpha Chis. I found myself thinking, "What fraternity does she belong to?" But when I knew her, of course she couldn't be anything but an Alpha Chi. I hated to part from the girls just as we were getting acquainted. But then came the comforting thought, "In two years more there will be another convention," and before the one was scarcely over, we were all planning to be at the next one, no matter what happened.

MARGARET BOWER, K.

To me, a sister in Alpha Chi Omega of two years standing, the convention just passed has meant more than I had ever imagined it could mean, and I shall never cease to be thankful that I was privileged to act as Iota's delegate. I was practically a Freshman as regards experience with our fraternity as a national organization, for I had never visited another chapter and knew very few Alpha Chis beside those with whom I had been in college. The convention was, therefore, to me a blossoming-out of possibilities before undreamed of, a realization of the meaning of fraternity whose depths surprised and overwhelmed me, and the source of an inspiration and deeper interest that will, I hope, bring forth good fruit in making me a more loyal member of our sisterhood. I feel sure that this was the common experience of all delegates and visitors. Certainly the convention, besides being a business body, is a potent force in reducing the spirit of localism in the chapters, a revelation of the meaning of national organization, a stimulation to active interest, and an awakener of deeper love for the ideals, aims, and accomplishments of Alpha Chi Omega. I shall certainly urge every one who possibly can to be present when we meet with Theta in 1910.

RUTH BUFFUM, Iota.

With great expectations, I travelled to Champaign to attend my first Alpha Chi convention. I felt rather timid about the anticipated event, but my first feeling of loneliness left me when two of the Illinois girls met me at the

station and escorted me to the chapter house, where the official delegates were to stay.

My room-mate proved to be a charming girl from California, of the Epsilon chapter. We seemed to be mutually attracted to one another, and I dubbed her Epsilon, while she called me Theta. The next mornin^g at breakfast, of which we partook at the Y. M. C. A., I saw the one hundred and twenty or more girls who had come together to enjoy the sisterly intercourse in the bond of Alpha Chi Omega.

At nine-thirty the first session of the convention opened at the Iota chapter house, and all the official delegates were given sets in the front rows. I felt like a child among strangers. The vastness of the work which we were there to discuss appalled me and I wondered how I should ever fulfill my duty for the chapter at Michigan, who had sent me to represent them. I felt so insignificant that I didn't venture to express my opinion on anything. At the end of this first meeting, however, I felt a great enthusiasm and appreciation for the great work of the Council women. It left an indelible impression on my mind.

In the afternoon, there was a reception at the home of one of the resident alumnae which was very pretty and well attended. A dance at the College Hall followed in the evening, at which the girls looked especially attractive.

On Friday we had two more convention sessions. I saw that already my ideas had broadened to embrace the national possibilities of our organization. I had talked with the members of the Council and obtained some splendid ideas for work in our chapter.

When I attended the musicale in the evening I felt extremely proud of my sisters, for their musical ability was well shown by the representatives from the different chapters.

On Saturday, at our last session, I heartily wished that every girl in my chapter had been able to come to convention and be inspired as I was. I had found that the girls I met here were not different, as I had at first supposed, and a new realization of the wonderful improvements to be made in a girl in social, mental, and physical development by connection with such a fraternity as ours, came to me.

Another reception in the afternoon brought us to the great event of the convention, the banquet. It was very impressive. Every toast and song was an inspiration for more united work and interest. All felt a hearty appreciation for the work of the older members, also for the efforts of the Iota girls who labored so faithfully to give us visitors a good time.

Tired, but thoroughly glad I had gone, I left Champaign the next morning, bearing to Theta the message from the convention.

IRENE CONNELL, Θ.

Convention impressions! At first glance, that's a rather staggering subject. But, on looking backward a few weeks, to that red-letter week spent at Champaign, several impressions stand out more strongly in my memory.

A Senior always realizes more than the under classmen, the importance and the bigness of her fraternity. But if she would realize to the fullest degree just what it means to belong to an immense sisterhood, let her go to convention. The very thought that all those lovely girls and strong, womanly women are gathered from all parts of the country to pay allegiance to Alpha Chi Omega, and to help better her condition, is enough to inspire pride and loyalty in any Alpha Chi.

Another benefit, among many, to be derived from attending convention, is the meeting and knowing the members of the Grand Council, who have hitherto been mere names. One of the things this delegate enjoyed the most was the realization that the council members were all she had hoped they would be, and more.

Surely no one could have wished for a pleasanter three days; crowded full of business and pleasure, we yet found time to get acquainted, and to form some firm and lasting friendships.

And finally, brethren, as our Methodist brother say, anyone who had the lamentable misfortune of not attending the Champaign convention, make your aim in life for the next two years, attendance at the Ann Arbor convention, and you'll never regret it.

FLORENCE FALL, B.

IOTA'S IMPRESSIONS.

During the first few tired hours after all guests had departed, the feeling which held sway in the hearts of all Iota girls was one of intense relief that convention was really over. It had been such a big undertaking that we could only feel glad that we would need to think of it no more. By Monday evening, however, at fraternity meeting, it was evident to all that the atmosphere was fast becoming charged with an enthusiasm which needed expression. When the unusually successful meeting was closed, we discussed every event, business and social, of those four eventful days; we talked long and lovingly of the sisters who had been with us. Is it not gratifying that in so short and hurried space of time one could learn to love so many people who represent situations and ideas so different from one's own? Yet such is the meaning of fraternity. It is gratifying, too, that the broadening of the ideas of what Alpha Chi Omega means has served to smooth the small local frictions, has served to draw us of Iota nearer together and to make glow in the heart of each girl a more intense love for our fraternity, coupled with a resolve to be a better Alpha Chi. Yet this, too, has happened. The enthusiasm has not lost force as the days have gone by, but every discussion strengthens it. The work, the worry of convention is forgotten—we would do more than we did and do it gladly to have so many of our sisters with us again. We have been so abundantly repaid by having had the opportunity to meet and know our much loved grand officers and the representatives from the different chapters and by the realization which has come to us of the real meaning of fraternity that our efforts at entertainment seem pitifully small and insignificant by contrast. If the various chapters could look into Iota home-life now and see the strength of Alpha Chi love as the girls go about their duties, and hear the ring of true Alpha Chi spirit as they sing the fraternity songs, they would indeed envy us the privilege of having entertained the national gathering at the recent convention.

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Mrs. Myrta McKean Dennis (Gamma).

BETA BETA.

Susan Perine (Beta).

Our Grand Officers—1906-08

It was with sincere regret that the members of the fraternity learned that Marcia Clark Howell would be obliged to give up her position on the Council. For four years Mrs. Howell has served us well,—the first term as a most efficient secretary, and the last two years as vice-president.

Faithfulness and loyalty have marked all her work. Under her guidance as chairman of the extension work, the fraternity has enjoyed a safe, conservative growth, and no detail, however small, in the matter of investigation, has been left unfinished.

In the deliberations of the Council, her voice, "ever sweet and low," was always heard in advocacy of the things "worth while." Possessed of a strong personality, she not only made her official work count, but won the love of all with whom she came in touch. Mrs. Howell's sweet, gentle womanhood has left its impress upon all who know her, and as we extend to her our deepest sympathy in the sorrow which has come to her, may we also express the hope that at some future time she will again take up the active work of the fraternity.

The withdrawal of Miss Howe from the Council means the loss of one of its valued members and one who will be missed, not only because her service has been a long one, but because she has made a place for herself, through her willingness to use her ability and give her time in the work.

The financial system of the fraternity has seen several changes during her six years, which have meant many hours—and much monotony, as well as many letters of explanation and urging to prompt responses. In order to make the system what it should be and is, Miss Howe has had to sacrifice some personal interests, but with the same unselfishness that has attended all her plans and work.

She has been doing double duty in carrying on the business management of the LYRE, and it is just that she should be relieved of some of the work.

Though gratified that she may be retained as business manager



MRS. RICHARD S. TENNANT, ALPHA
INSPECTOR



of the journal, the fraternity regrets her absence from the Council and wishes to express its deep appreciation of her adequate service as grand treasurer.

To take up another's work and complete an unfinished term is always a difficult task. When Miss Baker found it necessary to resign from the secretaryship, Miss Wright, after much urging, was persuaded to undertake the work, which she has done in a most acceptable manner. Loyally has she responded to every request made of her, and her promptness, accuracy and general efficiency have proved of great value in the work of the Council, and were important factors in the success of the Grand Chapter meeting.

Miss Wright has endeared herself to us all, and we sincerely regret that, because of her plans for advanced study, we were not allowed the privilege of re-electing her to the office she has so well filled.

Mrs. Horace Messenger Kent (Fay Barnaby), Δ and Γ Γ, our newly elected grand vice-president, graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Music in piano in 1896, while a special student at Allegheny College. Three years later she came to New York to study organ with Mr. William C. Carl in the Guilman Organ School, and later (1900-'01), was so fortunate as to be accepted as a piano pupil by the late Edward McDowell. For the past six years Mrs. Kent has been organist and choirmaster of Trinity Church, Bayonne, N. J. It was largely through her efforts that Γ Γ chapter was organized, and she is now serving her second term as its very efficient president. She has always kept closely in touch with the fraternity, and this fact, together with her never flagging enthusiasm, should make her a valuable addition to our Grand Council.

From an early age a student of music in her home at Wahpeton, N. Dak., on completing her preparatory work, Mrs. Dennis entered the School of Music at Evanston, and after four years of study, she received the degree of Graduate of Music.

For two years following, her work of teaching was carried on at

Wahpeton on the faculty of the Red River Valley University, being director of the department of music the second year.

In 1904 she married Ralph B. Dennis, Δ T Δ, of the faculty of Northwestern University, and since then has made her home in Evanston. She has always been closely associated with Gamma chapter, and is treasurer of Alpha Alpha in Chicago.

Mrs. Dennis has identified herself with the community of Evanston, being a member of the University Guild, the Evanston Musical Club, and an active worker in the Music Study Club, as well as various organizations of the First Methodist Church, of which she is a member. She has spent some time with her husband in studying certain phases of social service work at the Northwestern University Settlement in Chicago, and the George Junior Republic at Freeville, N. Y. For two years past she has been on the faculty of the School of Music as a teacher of piano, and is continuing her study of piano and composition in the school.

Iota is glad to claim Mrs. E. F. Soule, nee Frank Busey, our new grand secretary, as distinctly a native of Champaign county, Illinois, for Mrs. Soule was born at Penfield, Ill., and has always lived near or in Urbana. She entered the University of Illinois in 1901, and began a science course, but later gave it up to do special work in music. She completed a course in public school methods, but aside from some assistant work, her intentions of teaching were never fulfilled. She remained at home in Urbana until her marriage in November of this year.

Mrs. Soule was initiated into our fraternity November 17, 1902, and to the girls of Iota, who know her so well, she is an embodiment of the ideals of Alpha Chi Omega. As an active member she was exceptionally able and efficient, and as an alumna she retained an unusual interest and aided the younger girls with excellent advice and counsel. Much of the success of our last convention was due directly to Mrs. Soule's untiring efforts and good suggestions.

Lovingly and confidently the girls of her own chapter recommend her to the work in a larger field, assured that her capability deserves this trust and will not be found wanting.



**MRS. RALPH DENNIS,
GAMMA
GRAND TREASURER**



**MRS. ELMER SOULE, IOTA
GRAND SECRETARY**



**MARY PERINE, BETA
CHIEF ALUMNA**

The readers of the LYRE are to be congratulated upon the appointment of Miss Mary L. Perine, of Albion, Mich., as Chief Alumna. Miss Perine's education and environment have been such as to especially fit her for the work she will have to do. She graduated from Albion High School in 1898 and received the degree of A. B. from Albion College in 1902. In both instances she was the youngest girl in her class. While in college she was honored with some very responsible positions and won for herself places of distinction. She was vice-president of the Y. W. C. A., was sent as a delegate to the Lake Geneva conference, and was a member of the Pleiad staff. She was also captain of the basketball team and held the tennis championship in singles in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association for three years. The year following graduation she was assistant in English in Albion College. She then went east and took a degree at Smith's College in 1904. While there she again distinguished herself in athletics, winning the championship in tennis singles and doubles, and was a member of the victorious hockey team. In the year 1904-'05 she held the chair of English Literature in Oxford College, Oxford Ohio. Since then she has been at the head of the Department of History in the Albion High School, and has made a most pronounced success of her work. The summer of 1907 she traveled in Europe in company with the Dean of Women of Albion College, spending a most delightful three months in that broader education which only comes by travel. Miss Perine has always been a strong and loyal Alpha Chi. She has attended three national conventions, and we all know what a deep and vital interest that of itself will create. She was a former member of the Grand Council and has been alumna advisor to Beta chapter and the alumna member of the local Pan-Hellenic. All of these positions have served to keep her in close touch with the workings of the fraternity, and the choice of Miss Perine is a most happy one.

Miss Ola Wyeth is an alumna of the University of Illinois, graduating from the Library School with the class of 1906. Immediately upon graduation, she accepted a position in the library at Evanston, Ill., where she remained until August, 1908. She had planned to

spend a year at home, but on account of a vacancy on the library staff at the university, was persuaded to come to Illinois and accept the position.

The Iota chapter is fortunate in having her with them once more. She has always been one of our most popular and substantial members, and as an exchange editor we feel sure she will prove to be a most worthy representative of her chapter and do good work for the advancement of her fraternity.

Thanksgiving Address

Delivered Before the Grand Chapter by George Caleb Moore, D. D.,
Pastor First Baptist Church, Champaign, Illinois

Rudyard Kipling once wrote an article of one thousand words for which he received the sum of five thousand dollars. A gentleman who read the article figured that this was just five dollars a word, and wrote Mr. Kipling asking that he send him one word, for which he enclosed five dollars. A few days later this gentleman received a postal without name, date and signature, evidently from the gifted author, and written in a bold hand across the card, the word "Thanks." And if one word more than any other ought to express our attitude at this season of the year that word is "Thanks." It is a source of satisfaction to speak to those whose thoughts are directed in ritual and symbol by the sweet-toned lyre, and though the strains of music may be subdued and tender, they are none the less expressive of the finer sense of gratitude.

As one looks into your faces and notes the evidences of gentle breeding, refinement and culture, the lyre would bid you sing anthems of praise for good homes and noble parentage. For God's best gifts are a godly father, a saintly mother, and a home that is a constant benediction to your life. Yet there is another side to the spirit of thanksgiving for a good home. In the great world of activity we are the representatives of that home and must convey to our associates the fact of our royal connection.

You young women have never seen my mother, the only impression you have of her religious life, her cultured mind and her queen-

ly character is conveyed to you by the speaker, thus the responsibility resting on your life and mine is no trifle. For the world judges our parentage by the considerateness of our words, the heroism of our deeds and the rectitude of our lives.

This lyre ought also to be tuned to praise God for educational advantages such as you enjoy. Thousands of your sisters are deprived the opportunity for education and mental advancement. They toil through the years and then wan faces look piteously upon you as you move with buoyancy and peace to the class room.

To you is offered the secrets of the rocks, the stars, the flowers, to you is given the magic touch to bring strains sweet and low from ivory keys and fill your dwelling with cheer at twilight. To you is given the rare privilege of becoming conversant with the movements of nations, and the questions that agitate the social and economic world. All is yours, no book is closed, no knowledge hidden, no secret unrevealed, if you are but true to your surroundings and give play to your mental faculties, under the inspiration of your college life. Again this beautiful instrument should give forth strains of joy for your fraternity life. There are kindred souls whose aims and ideals are so similar, that they naturally form companionships within the chosen circle. It is absolutely impossible for students to compass the entire university community in their friendships and devotions.

The time in which we live is too strenuous, the demands made upon time and strength from religious, social and intellectual centers forbid the widening of either time or friendship. Thus we form our inner circle of choice spirits, and with them we work, love and live, and your fraternity life is a beautiful expression of this idea.

And lastly this fraternity ought to tune its chosen instrument in praise for religious life as expressed in the character and teachings of Jesus Christ. Henry Van Dyke quaintly says: "There is one place where we are all alike, that is, we are all different," and this applies to religious as well as to every other phase of life.

There is a variety in Christian experience,—we cannot all approach the Christ in the same way,—but the important thing is to see

that we seek Him in our own way according to our own need and desire.

The Christ alone brings us to our best. Listen to John Ruskin as he says, "That his life is not dedicated to truth and beauty as revealed in landscape and gallery, but to truth and beauty as revealed in the teachings of Jesus Christ."

Sabatier, the French theologian, says: "Man is incurably religious, and in the spirit of thanksgiving God ought not to be crowded out of our life, but through His Son brought to that high state of efficiency and service of which He was the great exemplar."

Leipsic Reminiscences

When one goes from Berlin to Leipsic, the experience is much the same as going from a well-equipped, artistically decorated, thoroughly up-to-date apartment house to some quaint cottage in the country. The former may be more comfortable, perhaps more beautiful, but it lacks the charm of individuality which the latter possesses, the "personal touch" which produces that effect so much to be desired and which in these days of psychological research, we call "atmosphere."

So, even before our blue-shirted traeger had packed us away in the droschka, we found ourselves indulging in sighs of satisfaction, which come involuntarily when one has found just what she is looking for.

Leipsic is a sleepy town. Did you ever notice that sleepy towns are usually full of interest,—an interest that is like still water? Our own Boston and Philadelphia belong to that comforting class. We are awakened from our reverie by the "cocher's" call to halt, and when we see that our room is on Mozart Strasse, the enchantment is complete. And the spell need never be broken. Even if one goes to the dentist, she finds that, while studying in America, this one profession in which the continental will admit we excel, he played the contra bass in the Thomas orchestra. While he is putting in a porcelain filling with utmost nicety, he urges you to hear the latest

musical sensation, Straus' Salome, which is so effective in spite of, or because of, its dissonances.

If it is possible, take your first dinner at Auerbach's Keller, once a favorite haunt of Goethe and his friends. From the street there is only a small door to be seen, and when that is passed, one is confronted with a steep, narrow stairway going down to one wonders what, and hesitates about finding out. Gradually the horizon broadens and deepens as we descend into what is the "real thing" in the way of a medieval wine-cellar. At one end is a huge cask, with the excellent figure of "Happy Hans" astride it. Here a heavy door opens into a secret passage connected with the University, and there more steps lead to the treasures of the "Wunderwein." At first glance, the walls seem dull and uninteresting, with that peculiar lack-lustre which comes only with age. Gradually figures seem to rise out of the darkness; and the "Kellner" answers your questions by bringing a small pamphlet, which explains that this is the medieval expression of the tragic story of Faust and Marguerite, and was the direct inspiration of Goethe's immortal drama. I must admit, however, that to me the atmosphere seems more beery and convivial than poetic or philosophical.

I'm afraid everybody isn't so fortunate in having her illusions materialize as we were. The next day we were invited to a Goethe festival given by the Woman's Club. With great expectations, we hied ourselves to the beautiful Palmengarten, where "schöne Mädchen", in what we would call colonial costumes, were ready to help us while away the time until the distinguished guests should arrive and take their places on an elevated platform. Soon they came in gayly-decorated "Wagen:" Goethe, so perfectly impersonated by a kinsman that we felt we had seen him in very flesh; Wieland, Herder, Corona Schroetter, and other celebrities. Then the merry-making began. The quaint dance of the Thuringian peasants made us understand better the dance forms that make up the suite. Then came the gypsy band, with its wagons, its chief, its musicians, its fortune-tellers, and its wild, unrestrained dance, to the wilder music of fiddles and tambourines.

In striking contrast, and quite as characteristic, was the cool,

calculating egg-dance done by an American girl. If you have read Jerome K. Jerome's "Three Men on a Bummel," you will not have to be introduced to the band of good fellows from Jena University, Goethe's alma mater. They are evidently the heroes of the German Mensur (duel), which remnant of barbarism the Fatherland seems so loth to give up. They are "be-plastered, be-bandaged, maimed, halt and blind," but not in any way dispirited, and sing with right good zest the merry songs so dear to the German student.

With the "schauspiel" on the meadow and the "singspiel" on the water by the glimmering light of torches, the day was over. In quite another vein, is a morning spent on the Bruell, than which there is no more interesting street on the continent. For six hundred years that has been the center of the fur trade of Europe. During the three great fairs, Easter, Michaelmas, and New Year, Jews, Turks, Armenians, Persians, Greeks, and Chinese jostle each other in its narrow confines, and drive bargains with all the finesse which generations of bartering ancestors could produce.

One would never suspect that in the midst of this commercialism, that great free spirit, who would not prostitute his art for ever so princely a sum, even when starvation stared him in the face, first saw the light. Yet just here are the words, "Wagner's Geburtshaus."

A little further on is a quaint-looking exterior, smoothly plastered on the outside, with decorations of vines and flowers. Within, once upon a time, the beautiful Kaetchen Schoenkopf helped to make her father's wine-shop a favorite rendezvous for Goethe and lesser lights; and in so doing, made also a place for herself in that galaxy of women who have influenced the lives of great men.

The University is of no small importance, having handsome buildings, distinguished professors, and a student body of some three thousand. I can't say I understand much of the lecture on biology which I heard Professor Chun give; but I did enjoy looking at the noble countenance of this greatest exponent of Darwinism, if we except Professor Haeckel of Jena. Almost as worthy of attention was his class, representing many nationalities.

Professor Chun is fond of telling of his visit to Huxley. After

getting his degree and doing some writing, he made a pilgrimage to the "right little, tight little island" to pay homage to the master. He announced himself as Mr. "Coon," that being good German pronunciation for his name, and as such was received. After some conversation, embarrassed and halting on his part, Huxley remarked that the best thing he'd seen in their line lately was a book by some fellow with a heathenish name, like Chun, giving it good English pronunciation. This the humble visitor did not recognize as his own until the book was produced for his inspection. Thus he owed the greatest compliment of his life to the "confusion of tongues." We could not expect him to advocate Esperanto.

If one loves wars and rumors of wars, just drive to the outskirts of the city and look at the place where the great Battle of Nations was waged, one of the bloodiest, most decisive of the Napoleonic era. The allied forces, numbering 300,000, proved too much for Napoleon's 180,000, and succeeded in driving the French from the city, not without a terrible loss of life on both sides, amounting to 76,000. Here is the elevation on which Napoleon stood while he directed the movements of his troops. It is marked by a small, rectangular stone, on which rest the sword and cocked hat of the "Little Corporal," and is much more impressive than will be the magnificent monument the government has now in process of erection.

If you should feel any symptoms of "brain fag," just spend an evening in Johanna Park. And if you could have Fraulein Essigke go with you to tell you all about things, it would be perfect. The very first question as to how the park came to be so named brought forth a story which I must tell. It was begun in English, but it soon grew too pathetic for that cold foreign tongue; and, somehow, I could understand it so much better than the lecture on biology,—more in my line, I presume. The place was formerly a private estate belonging to a wealthy man who had one daughter, Johanna. She, unfortunately, loved a poor German officer, in spite of parental objection. The inevitable separation came, and poor Johanna pined away in her luxurious home. Seeing the hopelessness of it at last, the father decided to surprise his beloved child. So he arranged a beautiful Christmas tree and sent for the lover, that he might step

from beneath its boughs as the greatest gift when his sweetheart should appear. But alas! the poor little heart so long schooled in the slow pulsations of sadness could not endure this wild rush of ecstasy, and the unhappy girl fell lifeless in the presence of her great happiness. The grief-stricken father, as some reparation, gave these beautiful grounds, whose whispering trees, rippling streams, and nightingale's songs have since been such a boon to lovers that little Dan Cupid must be somewhat appeased.

Had I not possessed to some extent a sight-seer's conscience, I would have spent half my time in that restful place. But the Museum must be visited. And it is a pleasure, because it is small and fine. It gives an opportunity for some acquaintance with Albrecht Durer, that immortal figure in the early history of art, though I can not say enthusiasm increased with opportunity. I believe we must give him praise for the possibilities which he opened up rather than for his own handiwork.

Very different are works of Klinger, who might be called ultra-modern as well as "Master of Colors," in that he has used color in his work in marble. Sometimes it is effective, oftener not. His celebrated statue of Beethoven, for the sight of which we must pay three marks extra, was a distinct disappointment; but it is one of those things one must see to be satisfied—or dissatisfied, as the case may be.

The new theater, one of the handsomest in Europe, is a positive and continuous delight; for there one can hear grand opera all summer. Perhaps the voices are not always so fresh or so fine as in New York, but the orchestral part and ensemble are infinitely better. No wonder, when one realizes that these players are members of the Gewandhaus orchestra, and Nikisch wields the baton. Here I heard the much-abused *Salome*. The title role was wonderfully sung by Doenges. It is very trying, vocally and dramatically, never a moment for relaxation during the hour and a quarter which the one act occupies. The music held me spell-bound. The noble, uplifting theme which seemed to be the musical expression of the sublime character of John, though I don't know that Straus advocates the

light motif; the oriental strains of the seductive dance music; the dissonant quintette of Jews are certain proof of genius.

As to its ethical effect, it seems to me most salutary, and my training has been almost Puritanic. Never have I been more impressed with the beauty and power of right, notwithstanding that the hideousness and weakness of wrong is enthroned and right imprisoned.

It is in the Gewandhaus that musical interest centers. Just ten years after Bach was born, the music-loving merchants of Leipsic met in one of their ware-rooms,—for Gewandhaus means clothing house,—and formed a musical society for the performance of—I need not say classical music, because they had no other kind. In 1835, Mendelssohn came to conduct this orchestra, and here spent the happiest years of his life; so it is fitting that a most life-like statue of him should stand as a sentinel before the handsome new concert hall. During those years, he raised program-making to the dignity of a high art; for he had that fine discernment which could detect that indefinite place where satisfaction ends and satiety begins, when one is regaling the public with a “concourse of sweet sound.”

Here he found Goethe a congenial spirit, at least from an artistic standpoint; for there was none of the “bonhomme” in Mendelssohn. In one of his letters, he speaks of a visit to the home of the poet where they led a “heathenish life,” which could not be entered into with much zest by one of such refined habits. Yet these visits may have suggested and inspired his setting of the “Walpurgis Nacht,” a masterpiece indeed.

In 1843, Mendelssohn founded the Conservatory, which has been the Mecca for so many American students. To-day this institution is housed in an imposing new building, and has in its faculty musicians of world-wide reputation. And yet, from all I could learn, I believe their fundamental work in both theory and practice does not compare with that of the New England Conservatory, whose director and his associates know so well the deficiencies of the American student, and have met them in such a practical and successful way. A concrete example came under my observation. Two girls whom I knew went to Leipsic at the same time. One was a graduate of the

New England Conservatory under Mr. Dennee's instruction, and after a few months with a "vorbereiter" was admitted to Teichmueller's classes. The other, who had only indifferent training here, after a year's study had not yet gained the much-desired promotion. When I told her something of our ear-training, sight-reading, hand-culture and other fundamental work, she said, "Why, I should have had that before I came over here." If Americans would avail themselves of the best instruction which our own country affords before going abroad, the Europeans would, at least, have a better opinion of our musical ability.

I had an amusing experience in connection with my visit to the "Conservatorium." One day, while calling on a friend, I heard an English girl playing something on the violin that sounded strangely familiar and reminded me of home, yet I could not tell what it was. On inquiring, she said, "Oh! that's the Polonaise in A major written by my teacher, Hans Sitt." No wonder! Hadn't I been playing it all winter with my sister-in-law, whom some of you knew as Fannie Heaton. And Hans Sitt, concerning whom I had not had enough curiosity to find out whether he were living or dead, was really within a stone's throw, and I suddenly felt a very live interest in his personality. A "probe" or rehearsal of the Conservatory orchestra seemed to offer the best opportunity, since Sitt is the conductor. We were much disappointed to find the main doors of the concert hall closed; but, through the temerity of my escort, we found a side door that yielded to our persuasion. We sat down noiselessly, watched the players take their places—and did you know that they stand?—thinking that in some, perhaps many, there doubtless burned the "divine fire," since this orchestra feeds the great Gewandhaus. And here is Sitt, just a nice fat German with gray hair, cut quite close. He had raised his baton, while we sat with bated breath, waiting for the first note. I've always thought it was the concentrated gaze of those two pairs of eyes than made him turn suddenly and say to the janitor, "Bitte, die Damen aus." You may be sure the Damen were aus "ganz schnell" and "ganz traurig."

There are many towns in Germany that have good conservatories and interesting as well as hard-hearted Herr Professors; but

there is no other which can boast of so unique a service as is held at the Thomas church at one o'clock every Saturday. This is the church for which Bach was cantor and organist during the last twenty-seven years of his life. In a little house next door, he lived with a goodly number of his twenty children—like a patriarch of old, energetic and upright. There he poured forth the music which has been the marvel and admiration of each succeeding generation. We can not say he was appreciated during his lifetime, however. He received about four hundred dollars a year for his services, which would not have furnished even a scanty livelihood, had it not been eked out with German frugality. It is an everlasting stain on the town of Leipsic that his widow was finally forced to depend on public benevolence.

Mendelssohn first brought the musical world into touch with the master. He heard somebody in Berlin remark that Bach's music was only an arithmetical problem. Instinctively resenting it, he determined to prove its falsity. Not long after, the original Bach Society gave the Passion Music, the first time it had been heard since the death of the composer. Mendelssohn suggested the monument to Bach in Leipsic, and gradually the people came to realize that one had lived among them whose fame would always shed lustre on their town.

His burial place, so long unmarked and uncared for, was accidentally discovered; his remains were placed in a handsome sarcophagus in the "Nicolai Kirche," a shrine for music lovers. But it is in the Thomas Kirche the spirit of the great man lingers. And if spirits are cognizant of the doings of this mundane sphere, Bach's must be a happy one when that boy choir of forty of the best voices in Germany sing a Palestrina motette or some other as a memorial of his great services to music and religion.

The audience is as interesting as the music, in a way; for perhaps nowhere in the world is seen such a motley array of mortals listening to such severely classical music. "The butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker" are all there with the marks of their trade on them. A cobbler who stood near me had not put his hat on nor his

leather apron off ; but he came to listen, not to be seen. There are also soldiers, students, peasants, burghers, perhaps nobility.

Really, this one experience is worth a trip to Leipsic. And there are so many other things to recommend it. Truly, it may be said that Leipsic radiates German history ; political, poetical, intellectual, commercial, romantic, artistic.

With love and greeting to all Alpha Chis.

SPICIE BELLE SMITH, Zeta.

Musical Opportunities of Paris

I know that a fraternity made up of girls of high artistic ideals and capacities such as Alpha Chi Omega will not misunderstand my enthusiasm in writing of the musical and art opportunities of Paris.

To be sure, every one knows of the art, sculpture and architecture of Paris, its wonderful shops, its gay street life, and of many of its other charms, but few realize the wealth of music in all its phases, presented every evening of the year. It has been a revolution to us all. We had to learn of these attractions by going to the music stores and reading the announcements and programs which are left there. For hundreds of concerts, this is the only form of advertising, and to an American, it is a very insufficient method, but, when one at last discovers what is actually being presented to musical people here, one is amazed that the knowledge of these conditions is not more wide-spread. I fancy it is because Parisian art, Parisian life and styles have for centuries overshadowed all other features of this great center of European culture.

Perhaps a practical way to tell you of the musical joys we are heirs to, is to catalogue the events of this week. It will represent neither more nor less attractions than have been or will be offered throughout the year.

One mentions grand opera first, quite naturally, as Paris is one of the greatest operatic centers in the world. Tonight, at the Opera Comique, is given *Manon*, one of Massenet's best-known operas, and following the program straight through for the week, we have, *La Traviata*, *Pelleas* and *Melisande*, *Werther* and two performances of *Solange*, a new opera by de Lara.

Turning to the National Opera, we find the program for this week devoted to Wagner, with the exception of Meyerbeer's "Les Huguenots." Monday and Saturday nights we have "Die Gotterdammerung, which had its premier performance here last month, and Friday night, Tannhauser.

Besides these two famous opera houses, Paris has several smaller ones, such as the Gaite Lyrique, which offers us this week, such masterpieces as "Lucia de Lammermoor," "La Boheme," Le Jouleus de Notre Dame, and La Navarraise.

For the student of the French language and drama, there is the Comedie Francaise, the most famous theater in the world, also the Odeon, the Theatre Antoine and the Theatre Rejane, where weekly the plays of Racine, Moliere, Victor Hugo, Henri Bernstein and other famous writers are produced.

Paris maintains two symphony orchestras of the highest rank—the Lamoureux and the Colonne. Every Sunday afternoon, the greatest artists appear with these orchestras. Last Sunday, I had the privilege of hearing Harold Bauer play Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto with the Lamoureux orchestra. While I am on the subject of orchestras, I must not fail to mention the cheaper orchestral concerts, such as the Concerts Touche and Rouge, which mean so much to the student. These resemble the German garden concerts and they are patronized to a great extent by students who congregate here and over their coffee or wine, enjoy a splendid evening of music, whose programs for each season embrace practically the entire range of serious music. Think of listening to such a program as this and paying only thirty cents for the privilege, which, by the way, includes your coffee:

Overture du Roi d'Ys.....	<i>Lalo</i>
VII Symphonie A Major.....	<i>Beethoven</i>
Bacchante de Samson and Delilah.....	<i>Saint Saens</i>
Caprice Espagnol	<i>Reinsky Korskow</i>
Peer Gynt Suite No. I.....	<i>Grieg</i>
Two Hungarian Dances.....	<i>Brahms</i>
Carillon de l'Arlesienne.....	<i>Bizet</i>

Then, also, there is the Concerts Philharmonique, which is really the best series of concerts offered in Paris. Their programs for this

winter include recitals by such famous artists as Felius Senius, Charles Clark, Raoul Pugno, Ysaye, Busoni, Sliwinsky, Cortot, Thibaud, Fritz Kriesler, and the Frankfut string quartette.

Besides the concerts already mentioned, there are a great many individual artist recitals, unfortunately too many sometimes, as often five or six occur upon the same evening. For instance, this coming week there will be concerts presented by Jan Sickez, the well-known Dutch pianist, a concert of the works of F. Luzzatto, a new French composer, Saturday evening a Cæsar Frank festival, made up of the best works of this noted composer, also the same evening, a concert given by Henri Stegner, cellist, assisted by Mlle. Marie Lasue, M. M. Inglebrecht and others, and Thursday evening, a Bach festival given by Alexander Guilmant, Charles Bouvet, Joseph Jemain and other artists.

Truly, the music of Paris is sufficiently varied to suit all tastes.

This last month I have been attending a course of splendid lectures on American Characteristics and Conditions, given by Dr. Henry Van Dyke, of Princeton University.

For the art student, Paris offers the greatest opportunities of any city in Europe—the Louvre, with its priceless masterpieces, the Luxembourg, for the lover of modern art, and the Saloon Exhibitions, which occur at the different seasons of the year, the Autumn Saloon, having just closed a short time ago.

For a better knowledge and appreciation of art, there are many splendid lectures, given by art instructors, the best course I am acquainted with, being given by Rossiter Howard.

Grace Slaughter Gamble, an Alpha Chi from Omaha, Neb., who is here studying French at the Sorbonne, and piano with Henry Eames, is quite as enthusiastic as I am over the conditions here. Can any of you wonder that we Americans here are busy and ambitious, and each day finds us more so. Our time is so short and our aspirations so many that sometimes I feel almost discouraged at the outlook. But I am at least grateful for this year of opportunities, and hope many other Alpha Chis will be able to enjoy these same privileges and make much more of them than I am able to do.

EUGENIE FARROW, ♫.

An Aspect of the Law of Compensation

All nature, from the rock up to the animal kingdom, is endowed with consciousness. But we, from the time of our birth, are endowed with *self*-consciousness, and become individual intelligences. This gift of consciousness which each of us possesses is passive, and is the medium through which we receive all our impressions. It is higher than the physical sense channels, and occupies the same relation to the soul that eyes, ears and nose do to the material body. We might call consciousness a *spiritual receiver*, by means of which we are enabled to gain impressions and knowledge. In still other words, let us style consciousness an *inlet*. But it would be a useless capacity if we were not also provided with an *outlet*. We see polarity in all departments of nature. The earth is dark or light; the days are hot or cold; we, as members of society, are either of use or useless; we may receive and we may also *give*. Herein lies the *outlet*; and the medium of this outlet is the will. Through it we may give to the world what we have already received. Consciousness and will are compliments, one of the other, and their functions are to receive and to give. One is the extreme of the other, and if we would have a well-rounded development, there must be a proper balance between the two. Were we always to receive and never to give, the result might be readily imagined,—clogging, stagnation and a ceasing to grow. Were we continually to give and never to receive, the outcome would be equally disastrous,—vacuity, exhaustion and a drying-up of the source. We can give nothing if we have not previously received something. We might imagine a hollow sphere provided with an inlet on the one side and an outlet on the other. Impressions are continually streaming in through the inlet of consciousness. These become connected within the sphere and flow out through the outlet of will in the form of deeds. If inlet and outlet are always kept open, we have a never-ceasing source of new impressions and expressions. Should we stop either the inlet or the outlet, there would result either a void or a congestion. Thus we see the equal importance of both functions,—neither would be of value without the other.

Cannot we, as Alpha Chis, make a practical application of this great law of compensation? In our present stage of development, the giving and receiving do not always balance each other. That would be a perfect adjustment. There are many of us who give out more than we receive in return, and unfortunately there are many more of us who seem always to be receiving benefits and never rendering a just equivalent. If we but realized the importance of these two functions; how stagnation and non-progress result if they are allowed to lie dormant; how immeasurable benefit is to be derived from this wise and intelligent use,—if we could but come to a proper realization of all this, it would seem that each one of us should be filled with an earnest desire to make the most of her endowments and to use them for the advancement of herself and others.

And now just a word about rendering what service we can *cheerfully*. The spirit of cheerfulness should be the very essence of our lives. A deed performed grudgingly or unwillingly loses more than half its force. It is like a potato without salt, or a salad without dressing. It is a flat and profitless affair both to the doer and the recipient. Some two thousand years ago, Christ said: "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

I have recently read such a charming exposition of this matter that I cannot forbear quoting it:

Who *asks* not, the chambers are darkened,
Where his soul sits in silence alone.
Who *gives* not his soul never hearkened
To the love-call of zone unto zone.
Who *receives* not, exists, but he *lives* not;
A blot and a discord is he.
Who *asks* not, *receives* not and *gives* not,
Were better drowned in the sea.
Ah, the *asking, receiving* and *giving*
Is the soul of the life that we live,
All the sweetness and beauty of living
Is to ask, to receive and to give.

VIRGINIA FISK GREEN, © and Γ Γ.

Announcements

Articles for 'Εκλεκτα' will be due the first day of April, which is the latest date permissible. A prize will be awarded at the close of the year to the active girl submitting the best contribution. Further details have been sent to the president of each chapter.

In the future each chapter will find copies of the magazines of all women's fraternities represented in its college, at the college library.

The new Alpha Chi Song Book now ready. Twelve new, original songs and many more adaptations. Price, \$1.00, postpaid. Drafts and money orders preferred. Address Mrs. Ralph B. Dennis, 720 Clark street, Evanston, Ill.

Directories will be furnished at 25c per copy upon application to Miss Mabel Siller, 1101 S. Pasadena avenue, Pasadena, Cal.

Do not forget to send any change in address to the editor immediately.

All subscription money must be sent to the *Business Manager*.

The admonitions which head chapter correspondence are to be read,—and followed.

Throughout the winter each chapter will hold an Alpha Chi song practice at every weekly meeting (we hope).

The 1908 convention will be remembered as one in which several important constitutional amendments were made. Many of these enactments pertain to the active chapters alone, but of those affecting the alumnae, none, perhaps, merits more commendation than that which created the office of Chief Alumna. One of the duties falling to this officer is to edit an alumnae department in the LYRE. "What shall this department contain?" Listen to our plans, and if you have any suggestions to make, they will be most gladly received."

Several of our alumnae are musicians of high rank, some are prominent in educational circles, and others are in the Y. W. C. A. work. Some are studying abroad or are having delightful experiences traveling. You enjoy their interesting letters and perhaps other

Chis would also. More than one alumna has taken up some unique line of work and her rich life is unknown to her former friends. What a source of inspiration these might be to the active girls! Would you not enjoy hearing about their work?

In the hurry and stress of our busy lives we have little time to practice the old-fashioned art of letter-writing, and for news of Alpha Chis we are more or less dependent upon the fraternity publication. In creating this new department, the fraternity has given the alumnae the opportunity to discuss subjects of mutual interest, to hear of the latest achievement of a talented sister, and to keep closer in touch with college life.

Do you approve of our plans?

Would you like to have this department a success?

Then please give us your prompt and hearty co-operation.

The Present Status of Music in Colleges

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Prepared for the Music Teachers' National Association

"Education in Music" has ceased to be a theory, and is rapidly becoming an accomplished fact. Many colleges and universities throughout the United States now present courses of instruction in music as an organic part of the collegiate curriculum; and others are about to follow them.

The Eastern Educational Music Conference* recently appointed a committee to investigate the present *status* of the study of music in American colleges, with a view to its extension and improvement. This committee consists of the following professors of music: Leonard B. McWood, of Columbia University, chairman; Clarence G. Hamilton, of Wellesley College, and Sumner Salter, of Williams Col-

*An organization of collegiate teachers of music, with selected secondary-school teachers of music, whose object is the promotion of adequate instruction in music in the New England and Middle Atlantic States.

lege. This committee has addressed a circular, containing thirty questions, to colleges throughout the country. The questions concern the granting of credit for the study of music, both at entrance and during the college course. The list of colleges to which this circular was sent is not in any sense an *ex parte* list. In order that the replies might be thoroughly representative, the circular was addressed, first, to all institutions with which Columbia University exchanges catalogues, and, second, to all the remaining colleges in the New England and Middle Atlantic states.

Replies have been received from 123 colleges and from 13 other institutions. The following table shows the attitude of these 123 colleges toward the question of credit for instruction in music, both at entrance and during the course :—

	In the New England States, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania	In the re- mainder of the country	Total
Colleges that grant credit for music, both at entrance and toward the de- gree (A. B. or tis equivalent),	12	4	16
Colleges that grant entrance credit in music, but not credit toward the de- gree,	..	3	3
Colleges that grant credit in music toward the degree, but not for en- trance,	10	29	39
Colleges that maintain departments of music, but grant no credit of any kind for instruction in music,	4	3	7
Colleges that do not maintain depart- ments of music, and grant no credit for music,	35	23	58

The significance of this table is to be seen in the light of the fact that the replies of the various collêges are concerned only with the collegiate course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts, or its equivalent—not with professional courses in music. In all, 58 colleges out of 123 are recorded as granting credit for the study of music, either at entrance, or during the course leading to a degree, or both. In addition, several colleges seem about to adopt credit in music; so that it may fairly be concluded, if the 123 colleges that have

replied to the circular are to be taken as a criterion, that *approximately one-half the colleges in the country recognize the value of instruction in music sufficiently to grant credit in this subject*. This conclusion becomes the more striking when the fact is added that *one-half the colleges that now grant credit in music toward the degree, have adopted this policy within a period of six years* (two-fifths of them within four years); and that the *majority of colleges that now grant entrance credit in music, have taken this step within a period of three years!*

The colleges that grant credit in music, both at entrance and toward the degree, are the following*: Amherst, Barnard, Beloit, College of St. Angela, Colorado, Columbia University, Cornell College, Harvard University, Oberlin, Radcliffe, Smith, State College of Washington, Syracuse University, Tufts, Westminster, and Wilson.

The colleges that grant entrance credit in music, but not credit toward the degree, are the following: Leland Stanford University, University of North Dakota, and University of Tennessee. The first of these, at least, has no department of music, and its recognition (August, 1907) of the value of entrance credit in music (to the amount of three points, out of the fifteen required) is the more significant.

Among the colleges that grant credit in music toward the degree, but not at entrance, are the following†: The University of Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri (probably), Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin, Mount Holyoke, Northwestern University, Ohio Wesleyan University, University of Nashville, Vassar, Wellesley, Yale University, etc.—thirty-nine in all.

Of the seven colleges that grant no credit in music, though maintaining departments of music, three have but recently organized their

*On February 3, 1908, Mount Holyoke College joined this list, by adopting entrance credit in Musical Appreciation and Harmony. Later returns add, also, Pomona College.

A few colleges mention instruction in ear-training, school music, etc.

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Musical Appreciation (including History of Music, etc.	9	42
Harmony	18	47
Counterpoint (including Fugue, etc.)	9	33
Composition (including Form, etc.)	0	18
Practical Music (Performance)	10	21

Other matters of interest may be stated, briefly, as follows:

(1) There is a wide-spread feeling that collegiate study of music should be, primarily, cultural, rather than professional.

(2) A number of colleges mention requests from students for credit not yet granted.

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(4) The following reasons are assigned for the lack of a department of music: No means (8 colleges); no demand (3 colleges); music not a collegiate study (3 colleges); lack of time (1 college). The chancellor of New York University says, "If we were given endowment for such courses, we should offer them gladly."

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times, to adapt ourselves to changes, but when once we determine on the wisdom of a change, and wrench ourselves from the old rut, we wonder why we have not done so before. The changes made at convention were ones long considered by those who have given generously of their time and strength to A X Ω, and which, from a serious study of fraternity life and its problems, they are convinced will be best for our own organization. If there are any who could not exactly agree with all the measures, we hope they will be broad enough to support them, now that they are incorporated in the fraternity, and we feel confident they will. Yet the fact cannot be over-emphasized, that in order to insure lasting success, every unit must do its share, which means every alumna, and every girl of every chapter. To attain this condition, the delegate must needs give generously of *her* thought and time; to her has been intrusted a two years' guidance, and from a delightful personal acquaintance, regrettably short, the editor is satisfied of the worthiness of each one to undertake the real work—convention was only a preparation—of adjustment, of thoroughness in detail and loyal co-operation, just as soon as they have had time to realize how much depends upon them and their individual efforts, and how large is the field they have qualified for as fraternity women.

OUR OFFICERS

THE last few years have been very active ones for A X Ω, and have meant a great amount of work for every Grand Officer, so much, that to those who are retiring, the trite thank you, even weighted with many adjectives of sincerity, must seem pitifully inadequate. Yet taken with the appreciation felt by us all, they will, we hope, carry conviction of gratitude to each officer who has felt it necessary to sever her official connection with the fraternity. To those who have magnanimously consented to take up their tasks, we pledge our earnest support and express our confidence in their ability to worthily carry on the work.

Only the burdensome sense of official dignity prevents the editor from expressing in proportionate degree and manner, the delight felt throughout the fraternity when it was found that Mrs. Loud would

accept the Grand Presidency another term. She has proved herself such a splendid executive, in every particular, and so endeared herself to every Alpha Chi that we are all rejoicing in the outlook for another two years of undiminished progress under her inspiring guidance. May she not find one of us wanting!

The fraternity is to be congratulated upon the fact that Mrs. Tennant has consented to continue her official duties as Inspector. This was done with no little sacrifice, as, owing to poor health, Mrs. Tennant desired to retire, but when it was found that neither Miss Howe nor Miss Calkins could accept the position at present, Mrs. Tennant generously yielded to appeals and resumed the work.

These three women, Mrs. Tennant, Miss Howe and Miss Calkins, represent all that is best in womankind. They belong to the strongest type of fraternity women, and it seems rather unkind to impose on the generosity of one, and unfortunate that a desire for study and Cupid, respectively, should claim the other two, when they are wanted so sincerely by all members of the fraternity. Both have proved their sterling worth by splendid service, contributing immeasurably to the development of Alpha Chi, and we all look eagerly forward to the promised time of their return to officialdom.

So true are the words of an honored alumna, in writing of Mrs. Tennant, that we heartily indorse them by printing them here:

"Mrs. Tennant has been efficient. Her four years of work have been characterized by a deep interest and an earnest effort to put before the chapters, aims that she knew to be profitable and worthy. The fraternity has been benefited and unified by her experience and sincere purpose, and pays honor to her loyalty and generosity in giving her time and thought to its work, and to representation in the Inter-Sorority Conference in which she served on committees that absorbed much time." May Mrs. Tennant feel that these words express the sincere appreciation of every Alpha Chi.

That we may report another officer "tried and not found wanting," as continuing in her position, only proves how auspiciously we have started in the new year.

If Miss Siller had done nothing else but give us a directory, she would henceforth be enshrined in our grateful hearts, as the number

who have expressed their pleasure in owning so handy and convenient a collection of fraternity addresses, is legion. But that is far from being all that she has done. The directory was the culmination of years of patient labor, and during all that time there has not been a movement of interest in the fraternity, in which our Grand Historian has not participated very largely. She has always, even in the midst of public teaching, found time to give generously to Alpha Chi. And now, notwithstanding all the clerical work connected with a historian's duties, she has consented to undertake the great task of publishing our fraternity history. Would that we could kindle all the hearts in Alpha Chi with a few sparks from her enthusiasm, interest and loyalty. What a splendid illumination we should have! Right here we should like to make one plea. There is not an individual in the fraternity who cannot help our Grand Officers, and we are sure they would not purposely add to their already large labors, so we ask every one to be two things this coming year,—it will never be regretted. Be Prompt, whenever you are called upon; be prompt in *all* your dealings. Be Loyal. If it ever occurs to you to grumble over anything, stop yourself at once, and set about to right the thing which caused that odious grumble—do not leave it for some one else to do. Be loyal to the core!

THE REASON WHY

IT WOULD seem at first thought that Alpha Chi Omega had made at least one radical change at this last Grand Chapter. To allow 50% of its membership to be chosen from among purely literary students after maintaining a 33 1-3% basis so long, would appear to indicate a traitorous attitude of heart to those whose interest and love of tradition is woven intimately with the musical element of our fraternity. As a matter of fact, this apparently new step was not taken at the last convention, but years ago, even as far back as the first day the first chapter was installed, and later, chapter expansion emphasized it. The very day Alpha Chi Omega was born in a literary college, even with a musical inheritance, she was bound by the law of environment to possess a dual personality. We cannot arrest her development nor eradicate her inherent tendencies any more

than we can suppress certain qualities in an individual who has been born under conditions beyond his control, and all tending to produce certain results.

Had Alpha Chi been born in a musical college and KEPT there, she could always have remained a strictly musical fraternity. But neither of the two conditions existed. She was born of musical parents, but in a literary atmosphere. Believing in the broad and strong development of her members through continuing where they were not only good musical, but strong literary connections as well, she has entered thirteen colleges, and thereby forced her chapters to compete with fraternities which draw their membership entirely from the college of Liberal Arts. Under a 33 1-3% basis, they were forced into an unfair competition, and lest this sound heretical to those who are not familiar with university conditions, we will explain ourselves. Our universities and colleges have not yet realized the true value of music and have consequently not given it the attention or the credit that has been showered on the college of Liberal Arts. This is only natural, because the growth of popular education in this country has been so rapid that the development of the Liberal Arts has almost entirely absorbed the time and attention of our educators, leaving music as a side issue. In the midst of securing endowments, new equipments, and general enlargement, it has been tremendously difficult for those who saw the value of including a musical education in the curriculum, to secure even a faint hearing. A start has been made, thanks to the great work of Mr. Paine of Harvard, and Mr. Parker of Wisconsin, and the Music Teachers' National Association, but it is a hard task to convince men who have spent their lives in the study of mathematics, history, literature and the kindred subjects, who have been brought up with the idea that music is a talent and an amusement, without which it is very easy to get along, that the STUDY of an Art is as important to the perfect development of our natures as any of their pet subjects.

To adjust them to the idea that music or any other of the fine Arts is not an accomplishment for girls who will take nothing else, or the expression of some talent that cannot restrain itself, will take years, the idea is so deep rooted. In the meanwhile, the universities

and colleges will continue to be attended by girls who go to prepare themselves for teaching or for the purpose of developing themselves, and until the affiliated music schools or any of the art departments are on an equally equipped, equally commended, equally appreciated basis, the girls who attend these departments will be in many cases (there are always exceptions) merely transients, and not the strong, earnest type who go for a purpose, otherwise they would go to a strictly musical atmosphere where the best is available. Alpha Chi is ahead of her time ; we say it in no boastful vein, only in recognition of the fact that *all* the Arts will sometime receive their merited place in our educational system. Then any restrictions will be unnecessary, as it will be a fair competition. Until then we must stand by our girls and protect them. Any other course would be unjust, as long as we have placed chapters in any university or college of Liberal Arts.

What can be finer than a membership made up of both elements, literary girls and musical girls, with strict justice to each? One needs and completes the other. In that way the chapters are allowed to select the best who come for music and not be obliged to take indifferent material in order to live up to requirements which under present conditions weaken the chapter. Those fine and splendid women in our fraternity who fear lest Alpha Chi some time banish all musical requirements, need not suffer one uneasy moment. That time will never come, it cannot by the very nature of the fraternity. Remember, its parentage was musical, and the effect of environment cannot efface all parental instincts even were the musical conditions of our colleges not to improve, which we cannot believe. There are too many loyal hearts who love the art in Alpha Chi, and there always will be. We have had some difficulty because we were unfair to one-third of our membership, but we are now entering an era of fairness to both elements represented in our ranks, and with the great body of loyal alumnae, tradition, and one-half of our members continuing to uphold the art, the future of Alpha Chi must needs be only a development of its present requirements, not a relinquishing of either.

The importance of college education for our girls is now apparent

to every one. That it was for a long time a matter of grave doubt is some comfort to those who see the importance of Art education likewise, and who have not as yet met with entire conversion in all faculties. The difficulty is, and has been, that the apparent result of all art study is execution. It is no more the true result than a notable collection of facts gathered by the student in his study of chemistry or the like, is the main outcome of his college career. The art student, we will say the music student to illustrate our particular case, always provided he *studies*, and with some fine intellectual teacher, is taught first of all to *use* his mind, and how soon is that learned in college? Certainly not before the Freshman year is nearly over, we would say later if it were not for leniency. An eminent musician once said to us, "The pupils who come fresh from their High School graduation know absolutely nothing about using their minds. Concentration is an unknown quality to them. They expect by the physical exercise of their fingers to accomplish great things. They think when I take the unreliable foundation of their talent, real or supposed, away from them, and make them rely absolutely on the efforts of their intellects, that I am nothing less than a tyrant. And what is the result? At the close of a period of such study and training, the mind has come into its own and is ready for advanced work in *almost any line*; to say nothing of the refining influence upon their natures from an intimate communion with one of the arts." If all our educators could be initiated into such study and into the mathematics of composition, they would lend their assistance to promoting a really great work instead of giving it their half-hearted attention.

There is a vast amount of superficial work being done in music, but less and less, as our institutions are broadening their theoretical courses and placing not only talent but brains within the reach of our young people. The work is nothing less than wonderful when seen from the inside, and we wish all the doubting Thomases could have a few years' instruction at the hands of several men we could name. We are willing to forecast their conversion to the admission that music contributes as much to mental development as any of the prescribed university courses. Provided, always, that both

are intelligently studied. The ideal developement would result from a combined study, or allowing one to follow the other. The rapid progress resulting from this plan has proved its advisability.

We have no patience with the individual who follows one line of study to the exclusion of all others. The wealth of the world of Letters and Art is too great for anyone to remain mentally poor without doing irreparable injury to themselves and to society. Whether or not one has any decided inclination towards a particular subject should not influence them to its entire adoption or neglect. The less a subject appeals to us the more do we stand in need of, and the stronger we make ourselves by application to it. The opportunities which surround college girls are greater than any they will encounter in after life, owing to their number and the fact that time is then set definitely aside for the precise purpose of taking advantage of them. In view of this, we urge each girl, whether she is taking a regular college course, or specializing in music, to be conscientious with the time that will never return in such absolute freedom and make it count in the building of character and mentality, by devoting her efforts to more than the one line of her especial choice.

Those masters of science and art, the ancient Greeks, appreciated this, and it was later well summed up in these words of the Roman philosopher Seneca, "Shun no toil to make yourself remarkable by some one talent.. Yet do not devote yourself to one branch exclusively. Strive to get clear notions about all. Give us no science entirely, for all science is one."



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Personals and alumnae news to be written on a separate sheet. Typewrite copy if possible.

An ideal chapter letter is one which gives both college and fraternity news, with description of chapter life and events—not mere notices. *Head letters as they are in this number.*

ALPHA

DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind.

So many things have happened since Alpha's last chapter letter was sent that it is very hard to know just where to begin with our news.

Perhaps the very best beginning will be the introduction of the sixteen Freshmen who have entered with us into the bond to bring fresh strength and new enthusiasm to the aims and purposes of Alpha Chi Omega. They are: Jessie Anderson, Rushville, Ind.; Gladys Caldwell, Winchester, Ind.; Esther Fuller, Charleston, Ill.; Jessie Maxwell, Robinson, Ill.; Ora Paynter, Salem, Ind.; Adele Wilson, Paxton, Ill.; Elsie Patton, Paxton, Ill.; Eva Sutton, Lafayette, Ind.; Lois Nagle, Brookston, Ind.; Clara Holmes, Brookville, Ind.; Bel LaRue, Rensselaer, Ind.; Laila Linn, Crawfordsville, Ind.; Athane Smith, Brazil, Ind., and Vera Southwick, Mt. Carmel, Ill. We are very proud of our contribution to the fraternity and we hope to instill into their minds the very highest ideals of co-operation and unity.

Our new college library was dedicated on October 30. Unfortunately our new president, Dr. McConnell, was unable to be with us, but we had Bishop Hughes and seventeen of his brother bishops. It was quite the most august assemblage old Meharry Hall has ever had the honor of sheltering, and to us the presence of these good men was very inspiring.

On the 13th of this month, Dr. Connell, president-elect of DePauw, will conduct our University service. We are all so anxious to see and know him.

Since our last letter, Mrs Tennant has paid us a visit and has left us with many new ideas for Alpha's best development.

It does not seem possible that convention is over. We have looked forward to it for so long, and the few days passed so quickly, that it all seems like a

happy dream. Iota was indeed a charming hostess, and we all enjoyed our visit with her so much that perhaps we shall not again wait for so urgent an invitation to re-visit Champaign. Certainly we all returned from convention with broader ideals of fraternity and a more intense desire to be worthy the privileges it brings us.

Before this letter is closed Alpha would like to extend the very heartiest of invitations to all Alpha alumnae to visit us at any time, to help us with suggestions, and to draw closer the bond of interest between Alpha active and her alumnae, to whose efforts we are indebted for the continued life of the fraternity, which means so much to us all.

BETA

Albion College, Albion, Mich.

Once more, after the brief Thanksgiving recess, we are back, those of us who went home, rested and ready for work, those most fortunate ones who attended convention, full of enthusiasm, new ideas and a still better appreciation of the greatness of our fraternity.

On account of the postponement of rushing season until after Thanksgiving, we have had only a few social affairs, a chafing-dish supper at the lodge, a Hallowe'en party, given by Sister Florence Fall, a "dog roast" in the woods, and the ever-popular "pot-luck" suppers; so we have had plenty of time to spend on convention and other serious business. Sister Jennie Worthington is our new alumna advisor, succeeding Sister Mary Perine. Our literary programs are steadily improving and we find that a short extemporaneous speech or two, on some familiar college or fraternity subject, livens up the program and gives us excellent training as well. We also find that discussions (each girl contributing) of various topics suggested by articles in the *LYRE* or in other fraternity journals, are helpful.

There have been the usual number of college activities this fall. The annual college oratorical contest was won by Mr. Levi P. Goodwin, who will, therefore, represent Albion in the state contest. There is to be a new prize contest this year, one in English composition. It is the memorial of the class of '08 and will meet with hearty response from the English department.

The Hallowe'en party given by the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. in Robinson hall met with the usual success. One evening Prof. Columbus gave a pleasing piano recital for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. A three years' course, leading to the degree of Bachelor of Commercial Science, has been put into the Commercial department.

The football season has been very successful, the team winning a total of 182 points in the seven games played, while only once was Albion scored upon. The climax of the season was the championship game with Olivet. Never before, in the history of the college, was so much athletic enthusiasm displayed as in the mass-meeting, held the evening before the big game, and as a result over two hundred students and faculty members went up to Olivet to support the Albion pink and green. Though the score was a tie, 12 to 12, it was a great game and will long be remembered.

We have enjoyed two numbers of this winter's lecture course, the first, a concert by Madame Maconda, and the second, readings by John Fox, Jr., from two of his own novels. The famous lecturer, George R. Wendling, will fill one number on the course, and we are looking forward eagerly to this

treat. The number to be given February 17 will be a concert by the Albion College Conservatory. The Philharmonic Society, which, under the enthusiastic direction of Prof. Harlan J. Cozine has now grown to a membership of over 200, will render Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise," while the ladies' chorus, known as the St. Cecelia Club, and the college orchestra will also appear on the program.

A series of artists' recitals is being given this year under the auspices of the Conservatory. On November 18, we were greatly delighted by the recital given by Mr. Edgar A. Nelson, pianist, and Mr. J. H. Goddard, baritone. We expected to have the pleasure of a recital by Mrs. Marie White Longman, B, but illness prevented her appearing at the time set, though we may have her later in the season.

Before we close, we have one pledgling to present to you, Miss Susie Newcomer, a sister of Edna Newcomer, '11, and Daisie Newcomer, '08. We pledged Susie in accordance with a special rule of the local Pan-Hellenic, which allows sisters of fraternity members to be pledged before bidding day.

Pi chapter of K A Θ has recently resigned her charter, leaving Δ Γ our only opponent of national standing. Though we are few, this year, and inexperienced, we are full of enthusiasm, and feel confident that when bidding day, December 12, comes, we will have a very select little group of pledglings to present to you in the next letter.

GAMMA

Northwestern University. Evanston, Ill.

It seems hardly possible that two months have passed since the sending of the last LYRE letter, but the interim has assuredly been full of both work and play. All the "strenuousness" of the rushing season seemed justified when we gathered in the Glencoe Women's Club on the evening of October 2, at the informal dance which the old girls gave the ten pledges. In addition to those mentioned in the last LYRE, we want to introduce Helen Baird of Evanston, Vera Frey and Ruth Saucerman of Freeport, Clara Dunsworth of Macomb, and Natalie Thompson of Rogers Park, some of whom have already had the pleasure of meeting girls from other chapters through convention. On Hallowe'en evening the pledges entertained the active chapter at Helen Baird's in a stunt where the true "spooky" Hallowe'en spirit prevailed. On arriving, we found the front door barred, and a dim jack o' lantern showed a ghastly white arm pointing to the back of the house. Following the weird directions, we were shoved up inky stairs according to directions from various white-robed figures. Everywhere from bed-rooms to parlors showed the ghastly light of pumpkins and orange-shaded electric globes, except in the dining room. There the red and green still held sway, from the tiny "Christ-massy" ribbons around the sandwiches to the scarlet bands around olives and pickles. After supper, we danced until tired out, then sat down before the fire, while some of the girls popped corn and roasted chestnuts, and others told stories. How we all hated to break up the little party that night to go our several ways! It seemed as if in those few hours, almost more than ever before, we were able to realize what our life in a chapter house might have been.

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DELTA

Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.

A greeting from Delta to all her sister chapters, and best wishes.

As the days approach nearer the time of Christmas vacation, we begin to realize that the old year is fast drawing to a close and that the beginning of

a new year is close at hand—a new year which, it is Delta's firm purpose and desire to make the best and truest year in the history of her chapter. The past semester has been an especially busy one for Delta's girls. In accordance with the local Pan-Hellenic rules for this year, bidding day came on Monday, October 19. During the rushing season, each fraternity was limited in its number of rushing parties, but even then the spreads and smaller functions, together with our college work, left us very little time for idleness.

October 2, was the date of our informal function, given in the form of a strolling party. The day could not have been more perfect for our plans, with its beautiful autumn scenery and bright, warm sunshine. Twenty couples gathered at the home of Miss Clara Lord, where everything in the nature of decorations was particularly suggestive of the springtime. Green boughs and flowers were scattered everywhere throughout the rooms, and in a little alcove in the dining-room were three hollowed tree trunks overrun with vines, from which delicious punch was being served. Here, the partners for the stroll were secured, and the merry company proceeded to Miss Marjorie Fowler's. Summer was here represented by the patriotic decorations, which betoken our national holiday, and refreshments were served from little baskets with red and green ribbon streamers, carried by little girls in white caps and aprons. Tiny imitation firecrackers were given to the men with the instruction to pull the fuse if they wished to find the name of their next partners, and little silk flags were given as souvenirs. At the home of Misses Florence and Ethel Moore, on Grove street, the scene was again changed and the rooms, with their settings of fruits, red berries and autumn leaves, portrayed the autumn season in reality. Hand-painted cards of autumn leaves, upon which were written colleges or their home states, served the purpose of matching couples, and the next destination was the country home of Louise Lord. Here, the decorations were equally appropriate for the winter tide, the holly and evergreen, not only being suggestive of the season, but also showing forth our own beloved colors in a pleasing manner.

Our first formal evening party was given at the home of Miss Anna Ray, and was a decided success. The plan of entertainment was rather unusual, and yet in keeping with the time, being that of a great political national campaign. Different college students who were present were nominated by the various parties, Republicans, Democrats, Socialists, Women Suffragists, etc., represented, and much amusement was afforded by the various methods of electioneering, the clever speeches and parades. A very unique and effective plan for securing partners for refreshments was carried out as one feature of the evening. The girls stationed themselves on the stairway, each holding a carnation tied with a long ribbon streamer. At a given signal, the carnations were loosed to the men below, who were to follow the ribbons until they came to the holder. The showers of flowers and confusion of red and green made a very pretty scene.

The Saturday evening before bidding day, a dinner was given for our rushees in our new fraternity rooms. The table decorations were of scarlet and green, and the courses were interspersed with college and fraternity songs and yells. After the dinner, the remainder of the evening was spent in listening to music and the writing of musical stories, for the best of which a prize was given.

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a new year is close at hand—a new year which, it is Delta's firm purpose and desire to make the best and truest year in the history of her chapter. The past semester has been an especially busy one for Delta's girls. In accordance with the local Pan-Hellenic rules for this year, bidding day came on Monday, October 19. During the rushing season, each fraternity was limited in its number of rushing parties, but even then the spreads and smaller functions, together with our college work, left us very little time for idleness.

October 2, was the date of our informal function, given in the form of a strolling party. The day could not have been more perfect for our plans, with its beautiful autumn scenery and bright, warm sunshine. Twenty couples gathered at the home of Miss Clara Lord, where everything in the nature of decorations was particularly suggestive of the springtime. Green boughs and flowers were scattered everywhere throughout the rooms, and in a little alcove in the dining-room were three hollowed tree trunks overrun with vines, from which delicious punch was being served. Here, the partners for the stroll were secured, and the merry company proceeded to Miss Marjorie Fowler's. Summer was here represented by the patriotic decorations, which betoken our national holiday, and refreshments were served from little baskets with red and green ribbon streamers, carried by little girls in white caps and aprons. Tiny imitation firecrackers were given to the men with the instruction to pull the fuse if they wished to find the name of their next partners, and little silk flags were given as souvenirs. At the home of Misses Florence and Ethel Moore, on Grove street, the scene was again changed and the rooms, with their settings of fruits, red berries and autumn leaves, portrayed the autumn season in reality. Hand-painted cards of autumn leaves, upon which were written colleges or their home states, served the purpose of matching couples, and the next destination was the country home of Louise Lord. Here, the decorations were equally appropriate for the winter tide, the holly and evergreen, not only being suggestive of the season, but also showing forth our own beloved colors in a pleasing manner.

Our first formal evening party was given at the home of Miss Anna Ray, and was a decided success. The plan of entertainment was rather unusual, and yet in keeping with the time, being that of a great political national campaign. Different college students who were present were nominated by the various parties, Republicans, Democrats, Socialists, Women Suffragists, etc., represented, and much amusement was afforded by the various methods of electioneering, the clever speeches and parades. A very unique and effective plan for securing partners for refreshments was carried out as one feature of the evening. The girls stationed themselves on the stairway, each holding a carnation tied with a long ribbon streamer. At a given signal, the carnations were loosed to the men below, who were to follow the ribbons until they came to the holder. The showers of flowers and confusion of red and green made a very pretty scene.

The Saturday evening before bidding day, a dinner was given for our rushees in our new fraternity rooms. The table decorations were of scarlet and green, and the courses were interspersed with college and fraternity songs and yells. After the dinner, the remainder of the evening was spent in listening to music and the writing of musical stories, for the best of which a prize was given.

Finally on bidding day, our joy was made complete when we had the pleasure of placing our colors on the six girls we had so eagerly sought to honor with the name of Alpha Chi Omega, and whom we now introduce to you as worthy of that honor. The names added to our chapter roll are: Wil-

helmina Anderson, Titusville, Pa.; Cecilia McClure, Titusville, Pa.; Ruth Dorworth, Oil City; Mary Patterson, Homestead; Charlotte Marhoffer, Meadville.

Saturday, November 21, our new initiates gave us a very pretty dinner in our rooms, where the color scheme was carried out, not only in the table decorations, but in the refreshments as well. Much curiosity was expressed in regard to the large dish covered with red crape paper, in the center of the table, from which ribbons ran to each plate. When these ribbons were pulled, each person received as a souvenir of the occasion, a "raisin man," with a card attached, on which was written an appropriate limerick. These had to be read before the entire company, and afforded much merriment.

The Hallowe'en and Thanksgiving parties given by the girls of Hulings Hall have been no small factors in the social life at Allegheny, and with their original forms of entertainment, have proved brilliant successes.

Another interesting event in the college curriculum was a farce given November 19, by the girls of the college in the interest of college athletics, and in which Alpha Chi was well represented. The play entitled, "Borrowed Boxes," was of a college nature, and the local and faculty puns were very clever. The acting of the entire cast was good, and the orchestra and solo interludes by the girls relieved the monotony of the scene-shifting. The receipts were about \$100, which will be quite a help to the athletic fund, and the girls are justly proud of their success.

The football season for the college year is over, and, although the victories have not been as many as we would have liked, Allegheny's men have done excellent work, and we have reason to be proud of them. The coming basketball games are being looked forward to with great interest, for basketball is the field in which Old Allegheny ever comes off victor, and this year's prospects are better than ever.

Meadville is hoping to be able to hear Madame Gadski some time in November, and the students are to be congratulated upon having such pleasure. The happiest of New Year's to each and every Alpha Chi.

EPSILON

University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

Epsilon's delegate is home again. She arrived Tuesday morning, and was received with open arms by all the sisters, who immediately cornered her and spent the following period eagerly enjoying the news from convention.

Every one at U. S. C. is hard at work by this time, but notwithstanding this fact, have had some time still for pleasure. Hallowe'en was faithfully kept by the ghosts and witches, according to custom, in the large gymnasium, which was appropriately decorated with jack o' lanterns and black cats. Each fraternity had a booth, among which Alpha Chi's was prominent. The men's fraternities also had appropriate stunts. The greatest success of the evening, however, was a football stunt prepared by two members of the faculty, in which the ghosts of two veteran football warriors, U. S. C. and Pomona, came out of their graves and fought again a former game in which both had been killed before the final score was determined. Of course, U. S. C. won and triumphantly gave the varsity yell. After the masks were removed, all repaired to the basketball court, where a sumptuous feast was spread.

The football season was brought to a successful close last Friday with

the annual football banquet held at Hotel Westminster, where we celebrated the U. S. C. intercollegiate championship of Southern California. Cardinal and gold pennants furnished appropriate decorations for the walls, while red carnations and yellow daisies, with smilax, were the table decorations. At either end of the table, reserved for the football heroes, were miniature goal posts twined with smilax, with a football, on which were written the scores of each of the games, hanging from each post. The menu cards were extremely unique in design. They were cardinal football-shaped booklets, with gold lettering. The menu was suggested by verses, illustrated with football scenes. The whole affair proved a great success.

We must not omit to tell you of our initiation, which was one of our greatest pleasures of the year. We are very much delighted with our new girls, who even surpass all of our expectations. Those initiated are: Mabel Farrington and Olive La Clair, both liberal arts girls; and Emma Williams, Eleanor Clemmins, Esther Davidson and Ella Foster, music girls. After the initiation we enjoyed our usual banquet, during which we listened to a number of very excellent toasts from the different girls, as well as to the very fine poems by the initiates. We took our time, for we all stayed that night at the same place, and after the banquet we spent our time until two o'clock "talking convention." Our hostess was Miss Rowena Hall, who has just returned from Europe, so it was natural that the following morning we enjoyed a breakfast served in European style.

A short time ago, Epsilon girls gave a cooky-shine for Mrs. Holmes, who is soon to leave for Denver, where she will make her home. We all regret having her leave very much, for she has always been one of our most loyal members, as well as our chaperone, and we hope that the girls of Nu will learn to know and love her as we have done.

On December 4, Epsilon will entertain with an informal affair for Adele Verne and Maud Powell, to which we all look forward with great pleasure.

Another event of interest which is to take place in the near future is our dance at the Glendale County Club, where both active and alumnae are anticipating "the best time ever." Epsilon is filled with the spirit of convention, and everyone looks forward with pleasure to the next meeting, where we will hear all the formal business. Our delegate has so much to tell us, and we are so eager to listen!

In closing, Epsilon sends greetings to her sister chapters, and wishes especially to thank Iota for her *splendid* hospitality to our delegate.

ZETA

New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass.

Possibly many of the letters will begin by saying something about the convention. That has been such an absorbing topic with us for the past few weeks that Zeta must have a word to say on the subject, too. The many letters and slips of thin paper which have come to us during the past few weeks have made us use a good deal of brain power, but they have also made us realize what an important part each chapter has to play in the fraternity, and what an important part our fraternity has played and is to play in the Greek letter world. With so much systematic preparation for this convention, we feel that the success will be unprecedented. Surely each delegate will be filled

with new life and much enthusiasm. We regret that because of the distance only one of Zeta's members could be present.

Before the convention became such an important topic, we girls were interested in taking a deep at some of the new girls. We had two small rush parties, and after the second one we had an initiation. Our new sister is Carrie Omerod, from Kingston, N. Y. We feel very proud to call her our sister. At the time Miss Omerod was initiated we had the pleasure of initiating Miss Boycourt as a charter member of Omicron chapter. Miss Boycourt is studying at the Conservatory this winter, and we expect to enjoy having her with us as an affiliated member. On the evening of the initiation, the entertainment committee provided a tempting chafing-dish supper. The table was decorated with red and green, and the room was lighted with red candles. Every one pronounced the evening a great success. The great number of interesting and instructive entertainments in the world of music continue to make life in Boston unusually attractive. Two of the most enjoyable song recitals of the season have been those of Madam Sembrich and Dr. Weillner. The latter musician had a most enthusiastic reception at his first appearance in Boston last week. Mr. George Proctor, one of the Conservatory faculty, gave a very beautiful piano recital. The music lovers of Boston are quite interested this year in the new symphony conductor, Dr. Max Fieldler. At one of the symphony concerts in the near future, the orchestra is to be assisted in a Debussy number by a chorus of thirty-two voices from the Conservatory, among which number there will be several Alpha Chis.

One of the concerts recently given in Jordan Hall was by the Alpha chapter of the Sinfonia. The ushers were chosen from the Φ M Γ and A X Ω fraternities.

Zeta sends many good wishes to her sisters.

THETA

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

After many pleasant reminiscences and lengthy discussions of convention, Theta is now looking forward to her convention, happy in the thought of entertaining all her sisters in her own home in 1910.

This year has started most auspiciously, as we initiated six splendid girls on November 7: Jessie Patterson, Chatham, Ontario; Hazel Carter, Toledo, Ohio; Maud Staiger, Michigan City, Ind.; Nell Merrill, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Anne Voelker, Le Mars, Iowa; Jessie Grandon, Ann Arbor, Mich. After formal initiation, the chapter tendered the new girls a formal banquet. The table and rooms were beautifully decorated in Alpha Chi colors. As a novel feature of the decoration scheme, a miniature fountain, placed in the center of the table threw colored streams of water around, which were caught in a mosaic basin of red and green.

We have pledged two girls since initiation, Genevieve Simpson of Detroit, Mich., a cousin of one of our old girls, Nell Schuyler, and Miss Pearl Jeanette Tuthill of Redlands, California.

The annual Freshman spread takes place on December 15 at Barbour gymnasium. Alpha Chi will be well represented at this function.

Six of our girls attended the first Fisher party and as many expect to attend the next one, which takes place December 11. Already, Alpha Chi has

shown her popularity by a number of her girls having received invitations to the Junior hop.

Our patronesses and alumnae gave us a very enjoyable dancing party at the Country Club for our pledges and new initiates. A special car was chartered to take us there and back.

"Culture," the Michigan Union's new musical comedy, will be presented at the new Whitney theater, December 16, 17, 18 and 19. It is expected to excel last year's "Michiganda," and will be taken out on the road during the Christmas holidays.

One of our alumnae, Alberta Yutzy, gave a reception in honor of Alza Starrett, to Alpha Chi and the Sigma Nu, Saturday, November 14.

Mrs. Charles Millan gave a reception and dinner to our active chapter and alumnae on Thursday, November 5.

$\Gamma \Phi B$ held their national convention here during November, and a number of our girls attended the various functions.

Theta has instituted a faculty night to promote a more friendly feeling between faculty and students. Each Thursday night, one or more members and their wives, are entertained at the chapter house at dinner.

Everybody is getting ready for the Christmas vacation, which begins December 22, and lasts until January 5. After our return, we will be kept busy preparing for our semester finals, which begin January 25 and continue until February 5.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we are, yours in Alpha Chi!

IOTA

University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.

Again Christmas is upon us and amazingly soon it seems, for this has been a busy fall for Iota and the time has flown rapidly.

How we enjoyed having convention meet with us! It was a week that Iota girls will long remember. Our only regret is that the three days were so full of business meetings and social events that we had little time to become well acquainted with the girls from other chapters.

Our rushing season this year was productive of good results. It was a hard fight for all engaged. Pan-Hellenic rules were broken right and left and it is with no little pride that we are able to say that Alpha Chi was one, at least, that kept them. In spite of all difficulties, we were pleased to secure nine pledges, eight of whom we have initiated and made one with our family.

It is the custom here for the Freshmen to give some special stunt for the upper-class girls. This year it was a Colonial party at the house, with only the girls in attendance. Of course we danced. The couples for the grand march were formed at the head of the stairs, and the girls coming down the steps, made a charming picture in colonial costumes and powdered hair. Dainty colonial programs were passed and red carnations for favors.

We have had an interesting series of football games this year. The game with Chicago was lost, but over Indiana, Iowa, Northwestern and Purdue we were victorious. Anyone who has attended a ball game here and is acquainted with Illinois rooting, is aware of what an enthusiastic, exciting afternoon a rousing victory means for us.

The push ball contest was another event of the Illinois field. By the decree of President James, it took the place of the former too strenuous color

rushes, but, from the injuries resulting, proved to be not much of an improvement over them.

Ninety years ago this month the state of Illinois was admitted to the union, so December 8, a convocation was held in celebration of the anniversary. Convocations are always held in the new auditorium, which seats about three thousand, and are extremely interesting to all students.

The auditorium is also given up to lecture courses and other entertainments of a musical and literary nature. Last week we were fortunate in having there Dr. Gunsaulus and his choir. Next week, in the same place, the Illinois and Minnesota debate will be heard.

Two new buildings are under construction on the campus, a physics building and an annex to the natural history building. A hall especially for the men of the university is being talked of for the future.

The next social events of the year are the Junior prom, the Sophomore cotillion and the Pan-Hellenic dance. The Pan-Hellenic dance is the only function for women's fraternities exclusively. All the girls go in couples and have a jolly, good time.

Of course every one is now busily preparing for Christmas and the New Year. We Iota girls, before parting for the holidays, try to bring some of the Christmas spirit into our chapter house by means of a tree and presents. Names are drawn and presents not exceeding ten cents in value, with roasts attached, are given, suitable to the person whose name is drawn. We wish that all our Alpha Chi sisters might be here to make merry and enjoy our tree with us.

To the chapters who have a late rushing season, we wish the best of good luck and to all a Happy New Year.

KAPPA

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.

This is a busy time at the University of Wisconsin. Mid-semester exams are being "piled" upon us, and much extra work must be done before the beginning of the Christmas recess.

The Self-Government Association has recommended class hats for the girls to replace the large creations of this season's fashion. Each class has chosen a style, and some of the girls are wearing their chosen head-gear, but the majority still cling to the large hat. At a meeting of representatives of the fraternities to decide this question, nine of eleven voted for class hats, but regardless of this fact very few fraternity girls wear them.

Wisconsin is indeed proud of her football team this year. At least we are near-champions, and no one feels the loss to Chicago a real defeat. At a meeting of the team, John Wilce, Δ K E, was elected captain for next season.

Kappa gave her fall informal at Keeley's, November 7. Mr. and Mrs. F. Mayer (Edna Swenson, K), Mr. and Mrs. Birkhof (Marjorie Grafius, I), and Mrs. Stephen were chaperones. Florence Kelly and Helen Hardie T, attended. We entertained informally at the house on the afternoon of December 12.

The name of one of our pledges was omitted from the last list. She is Verna Tyler, of Yankton, S. Dak. Miss Tyler has already won mention in musical and literary work. One of her poems was published in the last Wisconsin Literary Magazine. She is a girl of whom Alpha Chi may well be proud.

K A Θ entertained Kappa chapter informally a few weeks ago. Theta has a fine chapter, and their girls are charming.

Δ T gave a large reception just before the Thanksgiving recess.

Wisconsin defeated Nebraska in debate here Decembr 11.

Σ Φ has established a chapter at Wisconsin. At present the members rent a house, but it is rumored that a lodge will be built in the spring.

The girls who attended convention report an excellent time, and speak very highly of the hospitality of Iota. The sentiment of all seems to be, "Didn't it make you feel glad to be an Alpha Chi?"

LAMBDA

Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

Convention is over! For weeks we have heard of nothing else, planned nothing else in our meetings, and now we are eagerly listening to the glowing account of our delegate.

But to begin at the beginning: October 16 Lambda held her fall initiation. Seven girls joined us, Grace Griffiths, Syracuse; Mabel Wheelock, West Winfield N. Y.; Mary Shafer, Margartesville, N. Y.; Greta Gyer, Richfield Springs, N. Y.; Ada Tomlinson, Little Falls, N. Y.; Ruth Bancroft, Edwards, N. Y.; Margaret Naw, Honoeys Falls, N. Y. On the following night we had our banquet; twenty-six Alpha Chis sat down together and a jolly tie we had. Toastmistress Selma Swenson called for the following toasts:

"Chis"	Helen Cunningham
"Our Geniuses"	Jane Wood
"The Athletes"	Mabel Wheelock
"The Humorists"	Ethel Lansing
"Our Musical Girls"	Greta Gyer
"Our Quiet Girls"	Alice Mickelson
"Our Alumnae"	Frances .. Waldo

On Saturday, December 5, we give a formal dance in honor of our Freshmen.

In athletics, Syracuse has been very successful this fall. Our track team and our football team has given us good reasons to be proud of our "alma mater." Our last football game of the season, against Michigan, resulted in a grand victory, 28 to 4, in favor of Syracuse. As a reward, the whole student body was given a holiday to celebrate.

We have been favored by a great many recitals, both vocal and instrumental, this fall. Prof. Maler has organized a string orchestra and frequently gives concerts to which students are invited. We have also a student chorus this year which sings every Saturday afternoon at the devotional exercises in Crouse College.

Lambda sends love and best wishes to all her sisters.

MU

Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.

Her sister chapters in Alpha Chi seem ever nearer to Mu since her first delegate has returned from convention. Our last meeting was one of the most interesting of the year. Ethyl MacFadon entertained and inspired us with

recital given by Madame Zeisler. The boxes were occupied by the girls of Xi. After the program we met Madame Zeisler informally.

The first one of our girls hit by Cupid's dart is Miss Vera Cox. On November 6 we gave her a miscellaneous shower at the frat house. Many pretty gifts from the girls now adorn her home. A vote of the chapter was taken and we unanimously gave our consent to her marriage.

It is a custom to present to each bride of Xi chapter a half dozen silver forks with monogram on the handle, and to each graduate a spoon.

On Hallowe'en evening a party was given to fifty guests in the attic of our home. Cornhusks were the principal decorations, this being emblematic of our university. Fortune telling and numerous other Hallowe'en games were played.

Our monthly program was given two weeks ago by Misses Harriett Bardwell and Clara Smith. Several guests were invited.

Alpha Chi gave an informal dance at the Conservatory building a month ago. Thirty-five couples were present. The back parlor was decorated as a pennant. Ices were dispensed during the evening.

OMICRON

Baker University, Baldwin, Kas.

Omicron is denied the privilege of the other chapters to report the news concerning her new Freshman girls. Pledge day in Baker University is deferred until the week before Christmas holidays, and the LYRE will be far on the way to publication before our good news could reach the editor. Our Pan-Hellenic rules restrict us to four formal rushing parties for each girl, but the week before pledge day will be given over completely to rushing, and we have our schedule arranged for almost every minute of the day. We are considering a larger number of girls than usual, but Baker University seems privileged this year with a class of delightful Freshmen girls. We will have much to report in the April publication. Our new pledges by that time will be far on the way to initiation and sharing our interests.

We have one new member among our number, Martha Parrish, a young Conservatory student, of whom we are very proud for her study in pipe-organ and piano.

Pan-Hellenic was established for the first time in the University this winter between Tri Delta and Alpha Chi Omega. The rules concerning rushing week as follows:

RUSHING WEEK.

(a) Written invitations shall be sent out by each fraternity on Tuesday, 6:00 p. m., before Saturday, pledge day.

Answers to invitation shall be expected not before Saturday.

(b) Verbal invitations for Saturday entertainment shall be given on Wednesday morning before pledge day.

(c) Fraternity may be discussed with rushee on Wednesday and Thursday, according to the following schedule:

Wednesday, 3:00—6:00 p. m.—Alpha Chi Omega.

Wednesday, 7:00—10:00 p. m.—Delta Delta Delta.

Thursday, 3:00—6:00 p. m.—Delta Delta Delta.

Thursday, 7:00—10:00 p. m.—Alpha Chi Omega.

(d) The Delta fraternity shall entertain rushees from 1:00 to 3:30 p. m. on Saturday before December 15.

The Alpha Chi Omega fraternity shall entertain rushees from 3:30 to 6:00 p. m. on Saturday before December 15.

No boys may be present at these hours of discussion.

(e). Friday shall be Silent Day. No intercourse with rushee Friday or Saturday until hours of entertainment.

3. Each rushee may attend one chafing dish party aside from all night spread.

4. No invitations whatever except recognition of calls.

5. No campus rule.

6. Fraternity shall not make suggestions concerning their rushing to boys.

7. No suggestion to rushee that she might receive invitation to join fraternity.

The winter recital of the Conservatory of Music was given November 20. Alpha Chi Omega was represented in four numbers on the program.

Miss Edith Bideau sang "Parla" by Arditti. This was the solo she also sang at the convention recital. She sang it beautifully, winning, as she always does, the admiration of all her listeners.

Eula Smith sang, "O! My Heart is Weary," by Thomas. Miss Smith is one of the teachers in the Conservatory this year and is also doing post-graduate work.

Martha Parrish made her first appearance as a student in pipe-organ. She very nicely executed Handel's "Largo."

Bonnidell Sisson, who is one of the college students, but who is also studying violin, played first violin in a quintette arrangement of a Barcarolle by Harmon.

We have initiated two alumnae members in the past few months, Miss Anna Lingard, formerly a librarian in the State Normal, but now at her home in Ottawa, Kan.; and Mrs. Edith Kurtz Apple, of Kansas City, Mo.

We wish above everything else at this time to extend congratulations to Iota for her splendid hospitality shown to the delegates from Omicron chapter. They returned with greater inspiration than ever—"To let the scarlet and olive green float higher and higher."

In closing we wish Alpha Chi Omega a very Happy New Year.

ALPHA ALPHA, CHICAGO

Alpha Alpha girls met early in November at the home of Mrs. George Madson. After a half hour or so of general visiting and tea and cakes had been served by our hostess, we settled down to the serious business of the afternoon. This was a special business meeting and important issues were to be discussed.

The matter of LYRE subscriptions was brought up. Printers must live and a happy solution was found in increasing A A dues to two dollars, which will include the year's subscription to the LYRE. So it is now assured that a copy of the LYRE will always be found on the library table of every A A girl. It was also voted to have more business meetings each year.

Two delegates to the convention were elected, Miss Cordelia Hanson and Miss Kate Calkins, Miss Calkins to appear on the convention program.

The questions which were to be brought up at the convention were considered, and two hours of lively discussion ensued. It was obvious that we

agreed with Mr. Bryan that delegates attending conventions should be instructed.

The last luncheon was held Saturday, December 5, and the chief topic of interest was the convention. Those who were not so fortunate as to attend were entertained with glowing accounts of that great event.

A number of A A girls have formed a visiting committee and will start the first of the year on a series of calls.

A A sends cordial New Year's greetings to all sister chapters.

BETA BETA, INDIANAPOLIS

Since our last letter to the LYRE, *Beta Beta* has had two interesting meetings. The first, held the second Saturday in November, was at the home of Mrs. Daisy Steele Wilson, where we had the pleasure of entertaining Miss Sadie Machland of Greensburg, Ind., and Miss Mary Carter, of Shelbyville, Ind., alumnae of Alpha chapter, who were visiting in the city.

The December meeting was held at the home of our delegate to the national convention, Mrs. Helen Dalrymple Francis, and we were given a detailed account of the sessions of the convention. Mrs. Francis returned home filled with enthusiasm, much of which she imparted to those attending the meeting. She also spoke of the delightful entertainment given the visitors by the girls of Iota chapter, and of the good the convention had done her, making us all wish that we had been able to attend the meetings.

The annual Beta Beta banquet, which has come to be looked upon as the important event of our year and organization, will be held in February. Details have not been perfected, but it is the expectation that the 1908 banquet will surpass those of former years, enjoyable as they have been. At that time an effort will be made to broaden the scope of Beta Beta chapter so as to include on her chapter roll the names of alumnae members throughout the state, thus making Beta Beta a state rather than a local chapter. Alpha chapter probably will attend the banquet in a body, and it is hoped that there will be in attendance a large number of our alumnae sisters.

Beta Beta joins all other chapters in hoping that the enthusiasm of the convention will be reflected by increased strength and activity during the coming year, and extends the greetings of the new year to all Alpha Chis.

GAMMA GAMMA, NEW YORK

When the time arrived for the November meeting of $\Gamma \Gamma$, it seemed hard to realize that it was also the time for our annual meeting, and that we had been in existence as an alumnae chapter for a whole year. I am sure that for all of us who have been able to attend even a few of the meetings, it has been an inspiration and an event to be looked forward to with great interest. In the rush of activities and the multitude of interests in a city like New York, the alumnae chapter is especially valuable, bringing together as it does many girls who otherwise would not have any opportunity to meet and know one another. Much of the success of $\Gamma \Gamma$ chapter is due to the loyalty and faithful efforts of our president, Mrs. Fay Barnaby Kent, who has enough enthusiasm to bring all stragglers or indifferent ones into line if they are within reach of her energetic personality.

As the meeting hour approached, we who were present decided that there were enough members in attendance to have an office apiece a'l around, but after we sat down to luncheon several more appeared to help us in the mat-

ter of electing officers for the coming year. The result of the election was as follows:

President—Mrs. Horace Messenger Kent (Fay Barnaby, Δ).

Vice-President—Miss Sara Frances Evans (Δ).

Secretary—Mrs. Frederick Green (Virginia Fiske, Θ).

Treasurer—Miss Jessie Northcroft (Z).

Historian—Mrs. Frank A. Fall (Nella Ramsdall, B).

Associate Editor—Mrs. Lawrence R. Howard (Margaret Kellogg, Γ).

Γ Γ was fortunate in being able to send Mrs. Frederick Green as delegate to the convention. It was especially fitting that Mrs. Green should be appointed, as she was one of the charter members of Θ chapter, and also had been a delegate to a previous convention. We are sure that the inspiration which she gained at Champaign will be of great help to us in the activities of our chapter during the coming year. There are still quite a number of Alpha Chis in New York whom we have been unable to reach, but we intend to keep up our efforts, for we are convinced that if a girl with only the minimum degree of interest in her fraternity can be persuaded to attend a few of the delightful gatherings around Martha Washington's hospitable board, she will soon develop an earnest desire not to miss a single meeting.

We wish especially to urge upon our members the importance of subscribing to the *LYRE*, if they have not already done so. It is impossible to keep in touch with fraternity matters without it, and no loyal Alpha Chi can afford to miss the opportunity which it gives to be well-informed and up-to-date in all matters pertaining to the fraternity.

Γ Γ's time and place of meeting will remain the same for the present,—the Martha Washington Hotel, 29 E. 29th St., at 1 P. M. on the second Friday of the month.

DELTA DELTA, LOS ANGELES

Since our last letter to you that wear the jeweled "Lyre," Δ Δ has perfected her organization, and we are now able to tell you something definite in regard to our plans. Our meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at the home of some member, where luncheon is served. After this interesting piece of business is finished, our regular business is taken up and disposed of. Then we proceed to fancy work and "conversation." We certainly do enjoy meeting together in this way, and extend now through these pages a most cordial invitation to all visiting sisters to meet with us when they are so fortunate as to find themselves in our sunny south land. For it is a "sunny land." Today, although it is winter with you in the east, the sun is shining in a blaze of glory and the air is clear and bracing, and doors and windows are open to let it flood the house.

During the month of November, we sent a delegate to meet with delegates from Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Gamma, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Beta Phi, to make arrangements for the organization of a Pan-Hellenic Alumnae Association. The committee is still wrestling with by-laws and constitution. We hope to have them accepted at our next meeting. The purpose of this organization is to bring into closer union the fraternity women of Los Angeles and vicinity. All of the above mentioned fraternities have alumnae chapters here and we feel very happy to be able to come in touch with them.

Christmas is nearly here and of course we are all as "busy as bees" getting ready for the great day.

To all our sisters we send greetings for a Happy New Year.



PERSONALS



ALPHA

Irene Hayes, Ina Sopher, Ruth Connor, Harriet Rubush, Mayme Winans, and Helen Pierson attended the rushing party, October 10.

Miss Estelle Leonard, charter member of Alpha, has a large music class in Union City, Ind.

Mrs. George Darby (Mary O'Dell) of Broadhead, Wis., will spend the month of December with her parents in Greencastle.

Elizabeth Lockridge is taking post-graduate work in pianoforte in the Music School of DePauw.

Aldah McCoy, '05, who is now a member of the faculty of the School of Music, will give a pianoforte recital in Meharry Hall the latter part of December. Miss McCoy spent the summer in Chicago studying with Emil Liebling.

Pearle Fuller has returned for post-graduate work in voice. She will also do some tutoring in that department.

Vera Cronk is teaching music in the public schools of Anthonv, Kansas.

Mrs. Elma Patton Wade and Mrs. Maude Meserve Stoner, of Indianapolis, visited Alpha in November.

Miss Mary Carter, '08, visited Alpha for a few days early this fall.

Miss Lydia Beeler, ex-'09, is teaching in the public schools of Danville, Illinois.

Marion Cooper has had as her guest her mother and sister, Mrs. Vera Cooper Byer, '06, of Rochester.

Fay Newlin, '05, and Kate Stanford, '05 have recently visited the chapter.

Kate Stanford, Mrs. Wm. Dresser and Ava Guild attended convention.

BETA

Miss Jessie Blanchard and Mr. Clarence Flinn were guests at a dinner given in their honor, in Jackson, October 23.

Mrs. Irene Clark Austin was in Detroit recently.

From "The Kalamazoo Gazette" we clip the following: A recital is being planned by the Conservatory of Music faculty of the Western Normal for the near future. Miss Mary Master, of the department of expression, will give "Madame Butterfly."

Miss Kate Calkins of Chicago attended convention.

Miss Cecil Smith was called home in September by the sudden illness of her mother.

Mrs. Marie White Longman, who was to have appeared here November 11, in the first of a series of artists' recitals, was obliged to cancel her engagement because of illness. It is expected that she will be able to appear later.

Miss May Howie is studying music at Oberlin this year.

Mrs. Lulu Kellar Landig, who has been living in Harrisburg, Pa., will soon come west to reside. Mr. and Mrs. Landig have been taking a trip through the east, stopping at Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia. Mr. Landig, who is an expert chemist, is at present in Virginia.

Misses Mary Perine of Albion, Susie Perine of Indianapolis, and Cleora Miller of Hillsdale, all attended convention, after which Mary was the guest of her sister in Indianapolis.

Miss Kate Granger has returned from a fine trip through the west, taken in company with her father.

Miss Grace Brown spent the Thanksgiving holiday with her sister, Mrs. Gale, in Albion.

Mrs. Hortense O. Miller, of Lansing, expects to visit in Ann Arbor soon.

Mrs. Otis Leonard has returned from a visit in Lansing, having spent Thanksgiving with friends there.

Mrs. Janette Allen Cushman, of Los Angeles, Cal., will entertain her mother, Mrs. S. B. Allen, of Albion, for the winter. Mrs. Allen will also visit her son and her granddaughter, Mrs. Mae Allen Striker M. Filer, Idaho.

Mrs. Martha Reynolds Colby and daughter, and Miss Harriet Reynolds spent Thanksgiving with their parents in Horton.

On Saturday, October 10, Mrs. Nella Ramsdell Fall gave a very pretty pink five o'clock tea in honor of Misses Belle Lodie and Jessie Blanchard. A huge pink bow of tulle designated the chairs of the two brides-elect, and the small tables were lighted by pink-shaded candles and decorated with autumn leaves. Only Alpha Chis were present, and drank to the health of the two sisters so soon to leave Albion.

A fine likeness of Miss Della Sprague appeared in the "Kalamazoo Gazette" of November 8. Miss Sprague is very prominent in musical circles there.

Miss Emma Pattinson is studying music at the Thomas Training School in Detroit.

Miss Jennie Worthington entertained with a towel shower for Miss Blanchard on the afternoon of October 9.

Miss Jane Pattinson is at her home in Manistique, Mich., this year, and is teaching in the public schools there.

Miss Bessie Shanley attended convention, visiting in Chicago en route.

Mrs. Alta Allen Loud and her mother, Mrs. Allen, entertained with two delightful luncheons November 6 and 7, in honor of Mrs. Charles Loud.

Miss Jennie Worthington attended convention, and while in Champaign was the guest of Mrs. Belle Miller Townsend.

Mrs. Ada Dickie Hamlin went to Champaign, Ill., November 25, where she was joined by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Flynn. Mrs. Hamlin and Mrs. Flinn attended convention.

Mrs. Nella Ramsdell Fall has returned to her home in Yonkers, N. Y.

Mrs. Alta Allen Loud left Albion, November 23, for Champaign, where she presided during the meetings of the Grand Chapter.

Miss Elizabeth Smith called on several of the town alumnae one Sunday in October.

Beta gladly welcomes Lillian Kirk-Armstrong back to Albion. The Rev. Mr. Armstrong was elected district superintendent at the last meeting of the M. E. Conference.

Alberta Brown is now residing in Los Angeles, where she is affiliated with Delta Delta.

The names of Mabel Collins and Ethel Kinsman appeared in an account of a recent banquet given by Albion College alumni in the Upper Peninsula.

Sue Greene studied cello in the Michigan Conservatory for a few weeks this fall and visited the Beta girls on her way home.

Jean Macdonald and Ella Sherk visited the active girls early in the college year.

Belle Lake-Taylor, whose home is in Battle Creek, is a frequent and ever welcome Albion visitor.

Lucille Singleton, one of Beta's initiates of last year, is attending Wesleyan College at Macon, Ga. She writes of a pleasant chance meeting with one of the Delta girls in Nashville, but misses her Alpha Chi sisters in the southland.

One of the pleasant features of convention was a luncheon given on Saturday to the fourteen Beta girls by Belle Miller-Townsend.

GAMMA

Winifred Webster, of the Oratory School, will give a recital at Cresco, Iowa, on Christmas Eve.

Jennie Fidler paid the chapter a flying visit on November 24. She is on her way to Winnipeg, where she will make her future home.

Mae Smith is organist this year at the First Methodist church of Wilmette.

Rachel Williams and Relda Van Ryper spent a few days with the Northwestern girls, both before and after convention.

Florence Kelly, of I, and Ethel MacFadon, of Nu, spent Sunday with the chapter.

Vera Frey and Helen Hardie spent Saturday and Sunday at Champaign at the time of the Illinois-Northwestern game.

Mrs. Florence Harris Kuhl, of Beardstown, was at convention.

Announcements have been received of the engagement of Blanche Simpson, ex-'10, to Mr. Howard Rosine, of Evanston. Mr. Rosine was a member of Φ K Σ at Northwestern, where he was graduated in 1906.

Grace Fisher has just been elected to the Literary Society. She is the first of the Music School girls to join.

Mabel Slane was in a recital at Oratory School last week.

I was represented at convention by Myrtle Jensey, Alice Watson, Winifred Webster, Helen Baird, Nathalie Thompson, Etta Brothers, Esther Hinman, Lucile Morgan, Florence Kelly.

The work of Alpha Chi appeared in the Northwestern Magazine for November, both in the departments of poetry and prose.

DELTA

Mary B. Greene spent Sunday at the home of her sister in Franklin, a few weeks ago.

Miss Charlotte Marhoffer is a member of the faculty at the Pennsylvania College of Music.

Mary Roberts Philp and little daughter of Oil City, Pa., spent Thanksgiving week at the home of the former's parents in Meadville.

Mrs. Edgar M. Hall (Ella Lovell), of Fairmont, West Virginia, visited

friends in Meadville, Cambridge Springs and vicinity the last two weeks of October.

Mrs. Archibald Irwin, who has been the guest of her father for a short time, has returned to her home in Brooklyn.

Miss Blanche Garver attended the concert given in Erie by Madame Calve.

Misses Ethel Moore and Louise Chase, of Meadville, went to Greenville to attend the Howe-Binney wedding, which occurred in October.

Suzanne Porter Nutt, of Toledo, Ohio, spent a week at the home of her parents in Meadville the earlier part of the month.

Francis Harper, of Butler, was the guest of Alice MacDowell and other Meadville friends, a short time ago.

Ruth E. Swan has moved from Meadville, and is now located in New York City.

Miss Florence Harper attended the Calve concert in Erie the 1st of November, and remained in the city a few days as the guest of friends.

Miss Bertha Cribbs, of Oil City, visited friends in Meadville recently.

Mabel Leffingwell Walraven, of Pittsburg, has been spending several days in Meadville, renewing old acquaintances.

Mrs. Julia Hull has resumed her work as teacher in voice.

Mrs. Thaddeus Evans, of Kane, Penn., has been sent as delegate from the Kane Study Club to the Women's Federation, held at Pittsburg in November.

Honorable Arthur L. Bates, of Meadville, brother of Florence Bates, Δ, was re-elected to serve another term in congress at the November election.

Miss Clara Wheeling visited her sister in Cochranton recently.

Miss Louise Chase and Anna Tarr attended the convention at Champaign at Delta's representatives.

Mrs. Albert Eldred (Ruby Marsh) is now living in Meadville.

DEATHS.

One of the saddest things that we have to do, is to record the death of one of our chapter. Delta has been very fortunate in the few losses from her chapter membership up to the present time, but this fact does not lessen our sorrow as we record the death of another of our circle.

Mrs. Helen Trax Wynn, wife of W. A. Wynn, district superintendent of the State Highway department, died at the State Hospital at Harrisburg in October, after a long and serious illness. Mrs. Wynn was a former student of Allegheny College, and an honored and loyal member of Alpha Chi Omega. What greater praise could be given than to say that she was a woman in the truest and deepest sense of that word. A sweet and noble character, she was loved by all who knew her, and as the days go by even in our deepest sorrow may we draw inspiration from the beautiful life which has heard and answered the call, "Daughter of music, come up higher."

EPSILON

Many of the "out of town girls" spent their Thanksgiving vacation at home.

Olive La Clair spent her vacation at her home in Long Beach.

Mabel Farrington ate turkey dinner at her home in El Monte.

The Thanksgiving vacation furnished an opportunity for Blanche Stump to visit home folks at Hemmet.

The vacation days were pleasantly spent by Olive Berryman among the mountains at Pine Cliffs.

Phoebe Joslin enjoyed a vacation at Pasadena during Thanksgiving week.

The faculty of the College of Music will give their annual musical concert on December 11, in which Carrie Trowbridge and Lillian Arnett, both Alpha Chis, will participate.

The Epsilon girls will attend the concerts given this week by Adela Verne and Maude Powell.

We are glad to welcome Rowena Hall home from an extended trip in Europe.

We are glad to know that Miss Jessie Cushman and Miss Alberta Brown, both of Beta chapter, are now living in Los Angeles.

We have enjoyed having Miss Sarah Morgan, of Kappa, with us at several of our affairs. She is spending the winter in and near Los Angeles.

ZETA

Miss Gertrude Damon spent a few days in Boston during the Thanksgiving vacation. Miss Damon is having a very busy winter, for besides concert work and a splendid church position in Hartford, she has charge of the vocal department at Smith College.

Miss Bridge left last week for Champaign, Ill., where she is to attend the convention as the delegate from Zeta chapter.

Miss Elizabeth Schaetzel spent Thanksgiving with a Conservatory friend in Pautucket, Rhode Island.

The many friends of Alice Walk will be glad to know that she is meeting with great success at her home in Billings, Mont., where she has a class of thirty-two pupils, and is director of the "Franz Schumann" Club, also of the church quartette, which is reputed to be the best in the state. The quartette will go "en tour" in January. Next year Miss Walk expects to go back to New York City "for good."

Miss Florence Larrabee expects to spend Christmas with her family in Petersburg, Virginia.

Miss Edith Bly will leave next week for Pottstown, Penn., where she will remain during the holidays.

Miss Schaetzel and Miss Cutler are planning a trip to New York during the Christmas vacation.

Alpha Chis were delighted with a short visit from Merle Reynolds the early part of the season. Miss Reynolds and her mother spent a few days at Exeter, New Hampshire, before returning to Texas.

Miss May Hall made a short visit at the home of Miss Newton in Winnipeg Canada. While there Miss Hall sang at a few private musicales.

Miss Lucy Perry is conducting a choir at her home in Albany, Missouri.

Miss Sallie Lee Masterson expects to have a house party on her Texas ranch during the Christmas holidays.

THETA

Mrs. Dr. Doolittle (Leeta Stimpson), of Dallas, Texas, is the mother of a baby daughter.

Mrs. John Gage (Alpha C. Mintzer), Z, is now residing in Ann Arbor, where her husband is practicing medicine.

Josephine Gerow announced her engagement Thanksgiving Day to Mr. Robert J. Anderson, of Sidney, Ohio. Mr. Anderson is an A T Ω.

IOTA

Mr. and Mrs. (Charlotte Draper) Arthur A. Brown, of Pittsburg, Pa., were visitors at the Alpha Chi house recently.

Emily Ficklin was back for the Junior Prom.

Mrs. J. Westley Huss (Eva Robinette), of Cleveland, Miss., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lindley, of Urbana.

Quite a number of old girls were back for convention. Among them were Gladys Meserve, Lela Barnard, Cora Van Galder, Bertha Walters, Fay Le Neve, Lucy Lewis, Mary Barker, Mabel Bushong and Grace Ewing.

Ola Wyeth is acting as assistant librarian in the University library. She was assistant librarian at Northwestern for two years. She will be here till Christmas.

Emma Witlinger and Alta Shipley were recent visitors at the Alpha Chi house.

Lydia Buler, A, and Etta Brothers, Γ, were with us for a few days at the end of rushing season.

Vera Frye and Helen Hasche, Γ, were down for the Northwestern football game.

Helen Wallace was back for the Δ T Δ formal.

KAPPA

Mrs. Birkhof spent several days at the house during the week of December 13.

Helen Hardie was here for our November informal.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mayer are now at home on Washburn Court in this city.

Pattie Allen and Gladys Morrell spent Thanksgiving with Flora Knox in Milwaukee.

Irma Hellberg, Milwaukee; Meta Kieckhefer, Milwaukee; and Fay Vaughan, Bangor, were at home during the Thanksgiving recess.

The girls who attended convention were Marguerite Bower, Alma Slater, Lillian Zimmerman, Mary Cole, Alice Alford, Florence Kelly (Γ) and Margaret H'Doubler.

Grace Howe (ex-'10) was here for the Chicago game. She has discontinued her work at Stout, and expects to return to Wisconsin the second semester. We shall be very glad to have her with us again.

Kappa expects a visit from Anne Rueth, '08, Vivian Verbeck, and Catherine Riley (ex-'10) before Christmas.

Alma Slater spent the week's end, December 11, at Janesville.

Rachael William (Γ) is the guest of Florence Kelly.

Flora Knox is at her home in Milwaukee recuperating from a slight illness.

Harriet Barney, a pledge, who was attending the Library school here, has returned to her home in Oshkosh.

Elsie Goettmann, Oshkosh, pledged last spring, attended our fall informal.

LAMBDA

Evangeline Bridge, Z, stopped over in Syracuse, Tuesday, on her way to convention.

Lambda entertained four delegates of the Student Volunteer Convention, which was held here last week.

Harriet Moore, '08, and Selma Swenson, '08, spent Thanksgiving at the chapter house.

Ruth Harlow has been initiated into H II E, the senior society.

MU

Carrie MacFadon, '08, spent Thanksgiving in Indianola with her sisters.

Ruth Conrey expects to re-enter Simpson after the holidays.

During the Y. W. C. A. convention, Vava Dick and Myrtle Bussey visited Simpson and attended the German breakfast given by Alpha Chi. Miss Bussey will spend the winter in California.

Florence Armstrong spent Thanksgiving with her mother in Indianola.

Edna Todhunter has returned and is active again. She is accompanist to Prof. Henderson, of the Conservatory.

Grace Ogg, who is teaching this year, spent Thanksgiving at her home in Indianola.

Ethyl MacFadon returned Monday, November 30, from convention at Champaign.

Ellen Conrey spent Thanksgiving at Evanston, Ill.

Nellie Harris recently spent a week at her home in Creston.

On the 12th of November, six Alpha Chis heard David Bispham in Des Moines.

NU

Arlie Crockett has gone home until next year because of illness in the family.

Ernestine Heslop is spending the Christmas holidays with Pearl Weiland at Fowler.

Inger Hoen was not able to return home for Christmas, but is enjoying her vacation at the home of Mollie Rank.

Hellen Rice and Margaret Sutton were with us at our Christmas-tree entertainment.

Mildred Nafe is to be initiated at the beginning of next semester.

Our pledge, Edith Farrington, won first prize in the contest for the best college song.

XI

Harriett Bardwell has returned from the convention, the other girls stopping to visit along the way. She reports a splendid convention and says Iota girls are best of entertainers.

The new song books are out and Xi will have a choir practice once a week. We have ordered six more books. (Good work.)

Vera Upton is working up a cantata entitled "Mother Goose Trip to Santa Claus," in which seventy-five children take part. The children will all appear in costume.

Nina Beaver of Colby, Kansas, will make the girls a visit next week. She is one of our charter members.

Last Sunday evening, at the School of Music recital, two of our pledges took part, Edna Harrison and Genevieve Fodrea.

The Music department of Cornhusker's staff this year is represented by two of our girls, Linna Timmerman and Marion Whitmore, from the Literary department.

OMICRON

Mrs. A. Haggart, of Ottawa, has spent a week visiting her parents in Baldwin. She is one of our most delightful A X Ω alumnae, and we are happy to have her with us whenever she comes.

Miss Blanche Davenport, who is a teacher this winter in the public schools of Ottawa, spent a few days with the girls of Omicron.

The Junior play, "The College Widow," is to be given December 17. Zula Green has the leading part and Minerva Bragg has the part of "Flora Wiggins."

Miss Alice Lanyon and Zoe Kirkpatrick plan to spend the rushing week in Baldwin, and be present at the pledge banquet.

ALPHA ALPHA

Mrs. W. H. Wyckoff (Lillian Siller) and Cordelia Hanson visited Mrs. Frank Kuhl (Florence Harris) in Beardstown, Ill., after convention.

Mrs. Ralph Dennis (Myrta McKean) visited in Terre Haute, Ind., after convention.

Mrs. George Wooley (Florence Childs) entertained Mrs. Edna Stanton Trumble in November.

A A was represented at convention by Cordelia Hanson, Kate Calkins, Mrs. Myrta McKean Dennis, Mrs. Lillian Siller Wyckoff, Lela Barnard, Mary Barker, and Mabel Siller.

Mrs. Harry Osborne (Estella Hibbard) will spend the holidays with her parents in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Julian Smith (Christian Atwood) has returned to Chicago after an extended visit with her parents in Beloit, Kan.

BETA BETA

Miss Lydia A. Beeler, of Bluffton, Ind., is teaching at Danville, Ill.

Mrs. Carl Barnett (Jennie McHatton) of Plainfield, Ind., has been visiting her parents in Irvington.

Miss Marie Neal has returned from an extended visit in Jonesboro, Ind., and is now spending a few days with the Alpha girls.

Miss Viranda Bainier, of Lafayette, Ind., was in Indianapolis last week to attend the Chaminade concert.

Miss Fay Newlin, of Robinson, Ill., will leave in January for California, where she expects to spend a few months.

Miss Mary Barlow, of Robinson, Ill., has been the guest of Mrs. W. B. Stoner (Maude Meserve).

A party of forty, including several Alpha Chis, came over from Greencastle last week to attend the concert of Mme. Cecile Chaminade, the famous French composer and pianist.

Mrs. Mae Headley Walker, of Pendleton, Ind., and Mrs. Will Wade recently spent a couple of days with the Alpha girls at DePauw.

GAMMA GAMMA

Miss Lillian Dodson is studying voice with Oscar Saenger, and is also taking lectures this year at the Teachers' College in New York.

Miss Sara Frances Evans has returned to Brooklyn after spending the summer at Greenville, Pa.

Miss Jessie Northcroft continues her studies with Mrs. Morrill. Miss Northcroft attended the Army-Navy football game in Philadelphia on Thanksgiving day. We regret to report the defeat of the Navy team, of which Miss Northcroft's brother is captain.

Miss Margaret Upcraft has lately written several songs and an impromptu, which are to be published soon. Her "Valse-Scherzo," recently published by Schirmer, is most attractive, and it would help to create a demand for Miss Upcraft's music if some of the girls would order this.

Mrs. Jean Whitcomb Fenn is conducting a very successful class this year in her studio in the Metropolitan Opera House, and is occupied on four days of the week with large classes in the suburbs.

The choir of the Bayonne Episcopal church presented Garrett's "Harvest Cantata" on Sunday, November 22, under the direction of Mrs. Horace M. Kent.

Mrs. Herbert Taylor (Alta Moyer) is singing in one of the East Orange churches this year. Mr. Taylor is filling most acceptably a position in the choir of the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian church of Plainfield, N. J., and on a recent Sunday was entertained at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence R. Howard.

Mrs. Frank A. Fall has returned to New York and is now very pleasantly settled in her new home, Livingston Terrace, Colonial Heights, Yonkers.

Miss May Allinson, Iota, is studying at Columbia University this year and expects to take her Ph. D. in the spring. We regret exceedingly that Miss Allinson's schedule of work is such that she cannot often be with us at our Friday luncheon.

Mrs. Frank A. Fall and Mrs. Horace M. Kent were entertained at luncheon recently by Mrs. Frederick Green.

The public library at Plainfield, N. J., gave an exhibition in November of its recently acquired collection of the published music in all departments. Mrs. Violet Truell Johnston was in charge of the violin music.

The choir of Hope Chapel, Plainfield, of which Mrs. L. R. Howard is organist and director, gave a cantata entitled "The Seasons," by Weiss. Mrs. Howard was assisted by Mrs. Johnston, violinist.

Γ Γ was delighted to welcome Mrs. Jack Merrill (Marion Colburn) to her December meeting. Mrs. Merrill is the first Alpha on Γ Γ's list and was discovered through the columns of the Directory. (Every one should own a copy.) Mrs. Merrill was also affiliated with Zeta while studying at the New England Conservatory of Music.

Mrs. Kent writes that the MacDowell Club now has fine rooms in the Metropolitan Opera House Building, and gives the following interesting program, which will constitute their Christmas pastoral:

Old French Christmas Carols.....	<i>Mixed Chorus</i>
Song	<i>Alice Neilson</i>
Mystery Play (Old English).....	<i>Ben Greet and His Players</i>
Songs	<i>Mr. Heinrich Meyer</i>
Original Short Story.....	<i>Mrs. Ruth McEnery Stuart</i>
Old English Carols.....	<i>Mixed Chorus</i>

DELTA DELTA

Adelaide Trowbridge and Lillian Arnett contributed piano numbers to the program given by the College of Music faculty in the U. S. C. chapel December 3.

Sue Shenk has returned to Los Angeles after an extended visit in Northern California and Washington.

Dr. and Mrs. J. S. White, of Pasadena, will soon occupy their beautiful new home on Euclid avenue.

Mabel Chalfin is looking forward with great pleasure to a trip to New Zealand early in January. She expects to be gone three months.

Louise White's change of address is 107 Oak Terrace, Los Angeles.

The Delta Deltas were guests of Epsilon at an informal college spread given at the home of Lulu Reeves on Holdale avenue, in honor of Adela Verne and Maude Powell.

Mrs. Larson, of Gamma, is spending the winter in Long Beach and has taken membership in Delta Delta. We are also glad to have as members Jessie Cushman and Alberta Brown, of Beta, who expect to make their homes in Los Angeles.

Marriages

The marriage of Miss Frank A. Busey (I) of Urbana and Mr. Elmer F. Soule of Detroit was solemnized Nov. 18, 1908, at eight o'clock in the evening, at the home of the bride, 811 W. Oregon street. It was a very pretty house wedding. The wedding colors were yellow and white, the decorations palms, smilax and chrysanthemums. Kate Busey attended the bride as maid of honor, Jessie Mann (I) and Ruby Soule as bridesmaids. Mr. John Dimmitt was best man. The bride wore a gown of lace and satin and carried white chrysanthemums. The attendants were dressed in yellow and carried yellow flowers. Mamie Lewis and Blanche Breckenridge, Alpha Chis, played the wedding march. The simple ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Adams, of the Universalist church of Urbana. About two hundred guests were present. Among the out-of-town guests, of whom there were a number, were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Soule, father and mother of the groom, and his brother and sister. Alpha Chis that were back were: Lillian Heath, Gladys Meserve, Mary Barker, Mabel Bushong and Lucy Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Soule left immediately for Chicago, to go from there to their home in Detroit, where Mr. Soule is employed in the freight department of the Grand Trunk line.

Clara Bancroft (N) to Mr. Homer Garwood of Boulder. The wedding took place at the Bancroft home in Canon City, Colorado.

Announcement has just been received of the marriage of Blanche Jones, (I) of Canton, Illinois, to Mr. Lee Martin, also of Canton. Mr. Martin was a member of B Θ Π at the University of Illinois.

The marriage of Mary Howe (Δ) of Greenville, to Clyde L. Bunney of Oil City, took place in November, 1908.

Miss Mabel Davis (Z) was quietly married, November 23, to Mr. Wm. White, of England. Mr. and Mrs. White will make their home in New York City.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Kirkpatrick (Z) to Mr. W. Caruth Jones, of Baton Rouge, La.

Miss Lillian McMillan (Z) was married to Frederick Foster Lewis, of New York City, December 21, 1908, at her home in Knoxville, Tenn.

Very Cox (Ξ) was married to William Baringer, November 17, 1908. At home after January 1 at 1027 North 23rd street, South Omaha, Neb.

Beta chapter has had two brides this autumn and both of the fortunate men have been members of the Sigma Chi fraternity. On the 14th of October, Belle Loder, of Albion, and Dow M. Taylor, of Battle Creek, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Loder. The bride was attended by Miss Beulah Taylor, of Battle Creek, while the best man was Mr. Robert Clark, of Collingwood, Ontario. The beautiful ring ceremony of the Methodist Episcopal church was performed by Rev. Taylor, father of the groom, the band of gold having been carried in the heart of a full-blown rose by Master Max McKone. The relatives and intimate friends who were present extended heartiest congratulations and best wishes for the future happiness of the couple. After the dainty wedding supper, the bride tossed her bouquet into the midst of a group of college girls, and in the merry confusion that followed, she and her husband slipped away unobserved to an auto, waiting around the corner, and riding to a neighboring town, caught the Chicago train. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are at home to their friends at 96 Meachen avenue, Battle Creek, Michigan.

One of the prettiest home weddings of the season was that which occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sampson, on the evening of October 28, uniting in marriage their granddaughter, Jessie Clair Blanchard (B) and Clarence A. Flinn. Only the relatives and a few close and life-long friends of the young couple were present, and the occasion was one of unusual joy and merry making. The house was charmingly decorated, green and white and pink being the predominant notes of color. The dining room was charming in pink and green, the table decorations being entirely of bridesmaid roses, with festoons of smilax drooping from the chandelier to the four corners of the table, where they were caught with rosettes of pink ribbons. Quaint colonial cut glass candles at each corner shed a soft glow over the riot of bloom and vine. In the parlor a canopy of smilax and white ribbons had been arranged, and under this bower of green the ceremony took place. Promptly at six-thirty o'clock Miss Jennie Worthington heralded the approach of the bride and groom, who entered unattended to the strains of the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin. The Rev. C. E. Huffer performed the ceremony, using the circle ring service. The bride's gown was of white liberty satin, with yoke and collar of rose point. She carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley, and her long veil was caught with a few sprays of the same flower. The presents were numerous and beautiful, each gift bearing a thought of the giver in that it represented the personal taste and fancy of the bride. Mrs. Flinn has lived in Albion all her life, and her friends are legion. She is a graduate of Albion College Conservatory of Music, and is a member of the Alpha Chi Omega fraternity. She possesses a voice of rare sweetness, which constitutes one of her many social gifts. Mr. Flinn has long been a resident of Albion, is a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, and is a prime favorite among his associates, both business and social. He is a rising member of the Gale Manufacturing Co.'s corps of workers, and has every prospect of a successful business career. Mr. and Mrs. Flinn are at present in Illinois, with headquarters at Streator. They attended the Alpha Chi Omega convention at Champaign, joining the Albion contingent at Kankakee.

The invitations to the wedding of Miss Eva Simpson (O) and Mr. Chester Leasure have been received for the 29th of December. Eva Simpson was in Baker University two years ago and returned in September to be initiated into A X Ω. Mr. Leasure is a member of the K Σ fraternity and a graduate of Baker University of the class of 1906. The wedding will take place at the First M. E. church in McPherson, Kan. Stella Morton and Aletha Kelly will be her bridesmaids. She will also be attended by her cousin, Vera Simpson, and another friend.

Married, Enid Holmes (Θ) of Chelsea, Michigan, to George Newton Ellis (Σ A E) of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Alza Starett (Θ) of Detroit, Mich., will be married to Dr. Robert Chambers of Bismark, N. D., on Tuesday, December 15. Dr. Chambers is a N Σ N.

The marriage of Miss Grace Meserve (A) and Mr. Lyle Maxwell (Φ K Ψ) took place December 2, 1908, at the bride's home in Robinson, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell will live in Robinson.

Miss Margaret Smith (A) of New Palestine, Ind., was married the latter part of October to Dr. Joseph A. White, of Shelbyville, Ind.

Miss Alice Beeson of Milton, Ind., was married Thanksgiving Day to Dr. Charles Kniese, of Cambridge City, Ind.

Miss Mary Campbell (A) was married in September to Mr. Robert Lee Adair. Their address is 55 Beall avenue, Wooster, Ohio.

"Ενθα καί"Ενθα

Miss Ola Wyeth will begin her Exchange work in the April Number

Δ Υ announces the re-establishment of the Miami chapter at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, November 28, 1908.

Π Β Φ entered the University of Toronto, December 11, 1908.

Δ Δ Δ entered Leland Stanford, Jr., University January 16, 1909.

An honorary musical fraternity, Μ Φ Δ, has been organized at Minnesota University.

Δ Τ Δ announces the installation of Gamma Nu at the University of Maine, Orono, Me., November 11, 1908.

The university girls at Michigan, under the auspices of the Woman's League, have purchased a large tract of land to be used exclusively as the girls' athletic field.

Δ Τ Δ has at least one chapter which preserves the badges of deceased brothers, by framing them in a deep frame, imbedded in velvet, with name, class, honors, attainments and year of death. The plan solves the often debated question of how to prevent badges falling into the possession of and being worn by non-members of the fraternity.

The Palm has instituted a new department, called the Hall of Fame, in which Alpha Taus who have performed the work of the fraternity in unofficial capacities will be honored by short sketches. It will serve the further purpose of permanently preserving many

interesting and valuable historical incidents of their careers.—Alpha Tau Omega Palm.

The plan as brought forward by the Delta Upsilon Quarterly, for a meeting and dinner of all "Greek" editors, seems to us a most excellent one. Were we allowed a vote we should say "aye" with hearty enthusiasm, but as equal suffrage has not been extended to this subject, we will content ourselves with a mere opinion.

The movement against co-education at the University of Wisconsin has caused no little comment. The reasons for it are well described in an article in the November Anchora, in which the writer, after mentioning the prevalent tendency on the part of the executives to anticipate popular demands by exhibitions of reforms, et cetera, the influence of faculty members from New England colleges, and partial undergraduate hostility, gives as the basic cause, the competition of woman with man, and a consequent loss of feminine influence.

"Co-education per se has not changed. * * * But the social system of the white race is undergoing a profound change—there is the enemy. When in some way the competition of woman with man ceases, when the alliance of woman with man is resumed, you will hear no more of wars and rumors of wars with co-education."

Π B Φ has an excellent record in Y. W. C. A. work. The editor reports as follows:

"In the thirty-four colleges in which there are Christian associations, and in which Pi Phi has chapters, thirty-five Pi Phis held office, thirty-one were members of the local cabinets, and twenty-seven members attended some one of the student conferences this last summer. That is, that 8 per cent of our active members were officers or cabinet members."

A few chapter plans from Π B Φ:

It is the custom of one of Π B Φ's chapters to post a bulletin board in the chapter house, upon which are posted the daily chapter happenings and plans. The freshmen who do not live in the house

are required to visit the chapter house at least once a day to check their names from the bulletins.

California Alpha has a chapter birthday book in which each girl's birthday is recorded. On that day the table is decorated with that girl's favorite color, a big ribbon bow of some color is attached to her chair—for this evening the seat of honor—and at the conclusion of the meal a big box of candy is passed around the table. During the meal we sing Pi Phi songs, always commencing with "Here's to You." The birthday cake is brought on, blazing with candles, and the birthday girl must cut it.

Another chapter has a suggestion box.

At chapter meetings each girl will be given an opportunity to place un-signed notes in this box, the contents of which will be seen only by the girls to whom they are addressed. The recipients will consider suggestions and profit by them unless they think for some reason the criticism is unjust, in which case they will be permitted to lay the matter before the fraternity at chapter meeting.—The Arrow, of Pi Beta Phi.

If many of the fraternities do not have a higher standard of scholarship among their members it will not be because their officers have failed to work out very excellent plans. One of these we clip from The Sigma Chi Quarterly:

A "Roll of Honor" is a plan recently inaugurated by Alpha Tau Omega in an effort to stimulate application to their studies on the part of undergraduate members. Every member is urged to feel that there is a record for him to strive for, and that his chapter is interested in his achievements. The chief officer of the chapter (who, in the case of Alpha Tau Omega, bears the title of Worthy Master) makes reports to the High Council, and on such reports, as well as other information, certificates of honor are awarded to such members who may succeed in attaining a distinguished position in studies or intellectual pursuits. While worded in a rather broad manner, it is not understood that the "distinguished position" means any more than a relative one. The position of a student who may graduate *magna cum laude* is a decidedly distinguished one, and so, in a lesser degree, is that of the undergraduate who wins a scholarship. There must be a decided stimulus in the thought that the achievement of a position on the Roll of Honor means the scattering broadcast to the fraternity of the name of the one so honored. The plan has much to recommend it, and its effect will be watched by other fraternities.—The Sigma Chi Quarterly.

On Founders' Day.

But we are frank to say that there is something radically wrong with the chapter that does not celebrate the natal day of Alpha Tau Omega. The chapter that has no time to pause once a year and to review the history of this organization is not worthy of a seat in our midst. The chapter that is so unmindful of its great obligation to Glazebrook, Ross and Marshall and to the

host who have made Alpha Tau Omega in the years that have gone, is not likely to pay any regard to any other obligation, and it, *ipso facto*, forfeits its title as a loyal subordinate body of Alpha Taus. The chapter that refuses to learn a few lessons from the past as a guide for the future does not have much time of a future to engage its attention.

"Strong words," possibly, but, nevertheless, the truth. The Palm has no patience with the spirit, entirely too prevalent among our active chapters, that deliberately annuls our laws by an intentional failure to comply with them and from our inward heart we protest against it. There are a number of chapters that held no Founder's Day exercises last year and will, probably, hold none this year. If there is anything like a decent excuse for such conduct, the Palm would be pleased to hear it. There is no excuse; failure to comply with the plain letter of the law is never excusable when the law is reasonable; failure to pay homage to the men who founded Alpha Tau Omega and failure to study its history can not be excused or palliated.—Alpha Tau Omega Palm.

As the growing interest in the work of alumnae chapters merits a careful consideration of all suggestions pertaining to it, we are very glad to copy this splendid plan as carried out by the Kansas City Alumnae Association of K K Γ:

Doubtless Louisa M. Alcott has helped to educate most of the Kappas. Do you remember in "Old Fashioned Girl" how poor Polly, unhappy and discontented at her rich cousin's party, happened to think of her mother's advice to find someone less happy than she and help him? So the Kansas City Kappas decided to try helping someone else and see what would happen to themselves. We knew a poor girl who was struggling through high school, with the determination to go to college, even though she must support herself entirely. In fact, she had already been doing so for several years and had surmounted difficulties which would have thwarted most girls. How would you like, while taking a full course of studies at high school, to do housework for your room and board and from one to two dollars a week, and with that sum and the trifle you could add to it in the summer, buy books and clothes and pay car fare? These were not the only difficulties in our girl's way. Plainly some one must come to the rescue or she could not get her college education. A fifty-dollar scholarship was given her by a high school teachers' association, banded together for the purpose of assisting worthy pupils in need. Next a place where she could earn one dollar a week and room and board while attending a state university was secured. Money enough you see to carry her through—but one important thing was yet to be provided—clothes. With these the Kappas could help. They bought material and went to work at their meetings, making underclothes and wash dresses. The total outlay in money was but little; in time, only that of our meetings, one of which was an all day affair. Many more valuable articles were contributed by the members and their friends. So our girl entered college last fall with a suitable wardrobe and without fear that she could not win in the struggle. But she had undertaken too much. Sixteen hours a week of college work, and enough housework to earn one's board and room, and one dollar a week means long, hard hours, and when one has made such efforts

for years before the strain tells. About Christmas she broke down. So her housework was lightened and the dollar a week consequently stopped. The Kappas thought they must come to the rescue, and planned a musical reception which was given on Washington's Birthday at Mrs. Henry M. Beardsley's. Some talented professional musicians donated their services and twenty-five cents admission was charged. Our friends responded cordially and forty dollars was added to the treasury. But our girl's other friends, the teachers, also were active in her behalf. They added seventy-five dollars to her scholarship and she did not need the forty dollars the Kappas raised for her, so this has been saved for her use later.

The teachers' association make a practice of helping a different pupil each year, hence the Kappas decided to raise one hundred and twenty-five dollars for our girl next year, and told her that we would stand by her through the remaining three years of her course. She had accepted help only on the condition that she some day pay it back—not to those who rendered it, as they did not wish her to, but to some one else who was in need. The time seemed to her to have come now, and so she declined our offer and has sought a position to teach in order to assist younger members of her family to get an education. She expects to return to college later.

What has the effort meant to the Kansas City Association? Women who were too busy to go to the meetings before have attended regularly. We all know each other much better; we feel more as though we were sisters indeed. Is it not the true spirit of Kappa to better womankind in any way possible? We have made but a feeble beginning, but we hope by growing in the work to grow ourselves. If "our girl" does not need us this year, some other will—a Kappa if we can find her; if not, some other.

The Pi Beta Phi Association here has long maintained a fund to assist its active members at Kansas University. Last spring Mrs. Jessie L. Gaynor, who is a Pi Phi, donated her services at a musical reception to add to this fund.

The Kansas City Association would be glad to hear plans and ways and means from other alumnae.

EVELYN BURRILL, in *The Key*.

What is a *delinquent*?

Fraternity men do themselves an injustice by not taking what they know is good in a fraternity and applying it to life in general. It does not occur to them that the man who can not be trusted in the chapter will be no safer out in business and that for the same reason the chapter worker is going to be a life-worker, that the one who sees what is to be done and who either does his part or tries his best is the man whose life is going to count. He may never be rich, he may never win renown, but he will have a clean record and a good name, and with the consciousness of honest effort and faithfulness to duty there will come a happiness that money could not buy. All a man owes can not be expressed in dollars and cents, so we conclude that, regardless of his advantages, regardless of his calling, regardless of his station in life, a delinquent is any man who does not do the best he can.—*The Record*.

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The Memorial to Edward MacDowell

"Why does not someone endow a building where workshops could be given as scholarships?"

This is the question Edward MacDowell so often asked. He, pre-eminently, realized how many students of the Arts fail simply through lack of proper environment and adequate facilities for expression in the great art centers of our country. A student may exist in his narrow hall bedroom, but where can he work, where create and give forth the best that is in him? Certainly not in that cramped, dimly-lighted, uninviting little room. This is the great problem, and what more beautiful memorial could there be than the solving of such a problem in the name of the one who always sympathized with and did his best to help his fellow-workers and students and who gave his whole life to the up-building of Art in America.

This, then, is the proposed memorial to Edward MacDowell—The MacDowell House of New York City; a sixteen-story building with a small auditorium, an exhibition room for painting and sculpture, club rooms for the MacDowell Association, and fourteen floors of studios, different arts being assigned to separate floors. It is hoped that these studios will be endowed by states, universities, societies and individuals, to be won as scholarships by students showing special talent in any one of the Fine Arts.

Of course this is an immense undertaking and no money is being collected at present. All that is now asked of persons active or interested in the Arts, is an expression of willingness to serve on com-

mittees. When interest is thoroughly aroused in all parts of the country, it will take but a short time and little effort on the part of each to make the MacDowell House a reality. The mere building of this memorial will be a great incentive to those who have a share in it and it may readily be imagined what a power it may become when actually established. True musicians, sculptors, authors, architects and painters,—be they from California, Colorado, Maine or Maryland—will thus be enabled to meet together and come into personal contact with the greatest artists of the day. America will not be the laughing-stock of the Old World in the future if we follow in the footsteps of our own Edward MacDowell.

Already a beginning has been made in the Peterboro House. This might be called the summer home of the MacDowell House. It is the same big scheme on a smaller scale. While living in Boston in 1895, Mr. MacDowell discovered in the quaint New England village of Peterboro an old deserted farm. But three hours away from the city, in southern New Hampshire, it exercised a peculiar charm for him and he bought it. The spell may have been cast by Mt. Monadnock, which, like a silent sentinel, stands guard over the little farm and the surrounding country. In the years that followed he struggled to reclaim this wilderness. It meant much hard work, patience and careful management. He loved this place the best of any in the world, and had visions of making it a tiny art center, a miniature of the American Academy at Rome. But he did not have the means to endow it, and as his health began to fail he was constantly worried as to the outcome of his plans after his death. He could not bear the thought of its being given over to strangers, to persons who might not care, and so was made happy by the proposal that it be deeded to the MacDowell Association, with the purpose that they carry out his dearest wishes.

The original eighty acres have been added to until now there is a beautiful tract of about two hundred acres, with one hundred and fifty in glorious forest land. Mr. MacDowell's home, "Hillcrest," (also called the "Upper House") is on the top of a low hill, surrounded by a beautiful old garden with its picturesque sundial; beyond this lies a wonderful background of forest and mountains. Ir-



"LOWERHOUSE," OCCUPIED BY THE STUDENTS

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his Peterboro surroundings Mr. MacDowell found the most congenial atmosphere for his creative genius, and indeed the place is fairly charged with inspiration. Here Mrs. MacDowell will continue to live and supervise the work which goes on in her husband's name.

The "Lower House," at the bottom of the hill, is a comfortable, commodious farmhouse with every city convenience. This is where the women students live. As yet it is open only from the first of June until the first of November, to those favored ones who have earned the right to be there. It must always be borne in mind that this is not a charitable institution, each worker paying board at the rate of one dollar a day. The use of the studio is free, won by the hard work and scholarship of those who are creating, and not by amateurs.

There is a third house, occupied by the farmer who is in charge of a well-stocked and well-organized farm, which supplies the table for both the other houses.

It is the plan of the Association that a certain number of studios shall be built, a sufficient distance apart to insure absolute privacy, these studios for the time being to belong exclusively to members of the Lower House. After breakfast each repairs to her own studio, carrying with her a luncheon, so that she may have a long, uninterrupted day's work, coming back to an evening dinner at the Lower House. Two studios have already been built. One, the Barnard Studio, was started by the girls of Barnard College. Two more are to be built this spring. This equipment is entirely inadequate, and subscriptions are asked for at once, that more studios may be erected before the coming summer. An extra endowment must be raised for a men's camp,—this to be composed of three or four studios of two rooms each, the men living in the studios and coming to the Lower House for dinner, where the work of the day may be discussed and refreshment gained through social intercourse. After the completion of the "workshops" come vague plans of a simple amphitheatre, a swimming-pool and other delightful luxuries. For the purpose of raising the endowment fund a festival is to be held at Peterboro House the last week in August. There will be open air plays and concerts, booths with all kinds of saleable articles, and the

Lower House for the single week will be turned into a hotel for visiting guests, at the rate, probably, of five dollars a day. As quiet little Peterboro is surrounded by fashionable summer resorts, no doubt the attendance will be large and purse-full.

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Last year a most successful start was made which demonstrated the practicability of the plan. From ten to fifteen artists spent part of their summer at Peterboro House. These included Miss Helen Farnsworth Mears, the young sculptor, who was a favorite pupil of St. Gaudens; her sister, Miss Mary Mears, author of "The Breath of the Runners," which made such a success two years ago; and Miss Grace Wethern, the brilliant young pianist.

What an opportunity for Alpha Chi Omega to identify herself with the upbuilding of the Arts. Let us build an Alpha Chi Omega Studio at Peterboro House! It would cost each chapter about thirty-five dollars only. A concert would suffice. Perhaps some of our honorary members or noted alumnae would help. Then an Alpha Chi of particular genius, who in the opinion of the Fraternity deserved a place at Peterboro would naturally have the first consideration. At present Mrs. MacDowell investigates all applications and selects all the members of the Peterboro household. Later when the plan is operated on a larger scale, these selections will probably be made by a committee appointed for the purpose. Perhaps some of our brother fraternities would assist in the building of the men's camp; those in the architectural colleges surely ought to be interested. If Alpha Chi Omega should accomplish the building of a studio at Peterboro, then it would be an easy matter to start on the larger task of endowing a studio in the MacDowell House. This scholarship might be awarded as the highest honor in the Fraternity. What an incentive it would be! Let us not neglect our opportunity.

"Together let us seek the heights."

FAY BARNABY KENT, Δ—Γ Γ.

The Chapter House and Its Effect on the Fraternity

By Edward Eugene McDermott, Northwestern, '85.

[We regret that we cannot take full advantage of the splendid opportunity extended the Greek Press by Mr. Wm. O. Miller, managing editor of the Delta Upsilon Quarterly, for a national discussion of "The Chapter House and Its Effect on the Fraternity," by printing the entire article and symposium. His service has indeed been a large one, for which the only adequate thanks should be serious thought and action. For the benefit of our readers who do not know of this excellent service rendered the fraternities by Mr. Miller, we herewith give a short synopsis of what he has done. In order to secure a national discussion of the subject, "The Chapter House and Its Effect on the Fraternity," an article bearing that name, and written by Edward Eugene McDermott, Professor of Elocution and Oratory at the University of Minnesota, a man whose sympathy was entirely on the side of the student, was last summer, shortly after the death of Professor McDermott, submitted by Mr. Miller to a number of educators who were conversant with the chapter house problem, and to fraternity editors, and through them to two of the most interested workers in their society. The article was copyrighted in order to prevent premature discussion and to bring the matter before the fraternity world simultaneously. When responses from the various educators and fraternity workers were received, they were merged into a symposium, a copy of which was also sent to all fraternity editors, with the permission to print either any time after the first of February. We therefore take great satisfaction in presenting to our readers, those extracts which seem to us the most vital, and urging them to bring to the matter discussed, their serious thoughts and endeavors. Our one regret is the necessity of using our "clippers" and thereby detracting from this excellent article.—Ed.]

In a letter accompanying the article, Professor McDermott thus voiced his views:

Briefly my thought is this: the fraternity is here to stay; it is a power for good or for ill; its present tendency is downward because scholarship—the chief purpose for which a man comes to college, but *still only one of the purposes*—is being neglected; it is in the power of the alumni to correct this tendency; they must correct it or the fraternities will decline still further—they will decline until the intellectual and moral scum of the universities is drawn into them; when this comes about what will take the place of the properly organized and intelligently conducted fraternity? * * * *

It is with this third period, the chapter-house as a home, that this paper is chiefly concerned.

Has this home life—which has undoubtedly come to stay—been beneficial or harmful to the fraternity as a whole and to its individual members? Let us see. To gather facts for an intelligent answer to this question a circular letter was addressed to members of eleven different fraternities, and to the presidents, deans and registrars of numerous leading universities.

One hundred and thirty-two answers were received to the question—"What are the chief benefits of student life in the chapter-house?"

The answers are varied, but a vast majority mention intimate and lasting friendship. To show the general sentiment a few may be read.

First, from the students :

"Subordination of selfish and personal interests to the general good."

"Close fellowship and sense of chapter responsibility."

"Executive work in management of fraternity."

"Sense of responsibility placed upon upperclassmen."

From the presidents and deans :

"Means of reaching students in matters of discipline."

"A good chapter-house is a fair substitute for home life."

"Oversight by older men—especially by young graduates."

"Comradeship, co-operation, group tradition and responsibility; fairly good board and room."

"College loyalty."

"Good manners; close friendship with some men worth knowing; national fraternity better than local clique; experience in handling business affairs and avoiding collective disgrace."

Now let us look at the other side. One hundred and forty-eight answers were received to the question—"What are the chief dangers to be guarded against in the chapter-house?"

One hundred and ten, or seventy-five per cent., placed waste of time first. Other answers are scattering but interesting.

From students: * * * * *

"Snobbishness, particularly in underclassmen, shown in emphasizing fraternal spirit to detriment of college loyalty."

"Running into debt, over-exclusiveness, snobbishness and misconduct."

"Growth of clannishness and fraternity selfishness and consequent loss of college spirit; control by sporty element; freedom from restraint."

"Non-observance of 'house-rules'."

"Exclusiveness and extravagance."

From presidents and deans :

"Waste of time; dissipation of energy; clannishness; the evils of politics."

"Too much of a good time and its results."

"Clannishness; house degenerating into a loafing place; undertaking cause of poor students and securing concessions, if possible; feeling of independence of university restraint socially."

"Danger of being drawn into narrow, selfish and shallow interests and thus losing the larger, more democratic influence of the college as a whole."

"Bad society and exclusiveness."

"Over-emphasis of social life; lack of responsible executive to carry out house-rules."

"The low intellectual tone—when uninfluenced by alumni—tends to pass from generation to generation."

"Cultivation of social, athletic and snobbish attitude, and general lack of seriousness."

"Substitution of social life for hard study."

"Laziness."

It becomes very apparent after reading all these letters that there are benefits and there are dangers. But whatever the benefits and dangers, we may be sure of one thing. The fraternity is here to stay and whether it grows better or worse will depend upon our treatment of it.

Legislators and other enemies who would destroy it by statute might just as well acknowledge—what all history proves—that wherever men are drawn together into large bodies, as they are in the modern universities, they are sure to break up into smaller groups. This being true and inevitable, we are bound to have the fraternity or some similar organization. * * * *

Statistics gathered at two points of time—1886 and 1906—point to the conclusion with considerable certainty that *scholarship is declining and social life rising in the fraternities*. * * * *

It is believed by many who have studied this problem, and whose opinions are worthy of respect, that the decline in scholarship and consequent rise of lighter substitutes is due in part to the *absence of personal and daily contact between student and instructor*, and in part to *the unlimited introduction of electives and culture courses*. *

* * * But is it not possible that a third and contributory cause of the decline in scholarship is found in the modern chapter-house, which furnishes such a comfortable home-life among congenial spirits and offers such abundant opportunity for dissipation of time and energy?

At any rate we have a problem in the decline, and the question arises as to whether the modern fraternity, through its chapter-house system, can assist the university in solving it, for at least this one of the university's problems is the fraternity's problem.

To determine this the question was asked, in the circular letter referred to,—

"What does the present-day fraternity need most in order to be of the greatest service to its members?" The answers are all worth perusal. We have space for but a few of them.

From presidents and deans:

"A return to the best traditions of the early days of fraternities and a recognition of other present-day responsibilities by themselves and the governing bodies of institutions."

"More breadth of view; less of the spirit of clique and exclusiveness."

"A quickening of the earlier literary interest; a larger sense of the primacy of college over fraternity interests—or rather of the dependence of fraternity interests on a wholesome college life."

"First, simplicity of living; second, the intellectual element thrust to the front in the weekly meetings of the chapter; third, a high sense of honor and moral ideals which would lead to the ejection of an unworthy member."

"Active interest and a sense of responsibility on the part of the resident alumni. There is too much loafing in the chapter parlors; there is almost no serious conversation; the men as a whole do not study enough and have not serious ideals."

"Higher ideals of what constitutes manliness; a higher regard for the value of time; a rigid scholarship committee in the university which will not hesitate to send home all who do not do a man's work."

"Right kind of undergraduate headship to insure a healthy moral tone and to exalt ideals of work; friendly comradeship and oversight on the part of faculty and other alumni members; wise but vigilant supervision by the university authorities."

"Intelligent sympathy on the part of college officers, and close relations between active and graduate members."

"Attention of their alumni."

"Progress along the lines which mark its development for the last twenty-five years and a fuller realization that the prosperity of the fraternity is one with the institution in which it is situated."

"The effective influence of alumni members. Undergraduates yield to temptation to enjoy the 'house.' They need the stimulus of resident graduates and of earnest and scholarly upperclassmen."

"To be represented more generally in all departments of college life, by the best men, of course, in each kind of work."

"To keep more closely in touch with faculty affairs and support the best interests of college."

"To become more a part of the university."

From students:

"Better ideals. Fraternities are too often exclusively dancing and smoking clubs."

"More true, unselfish, good fellows and less of the men who make success pure and simple their aim."

"Strong men with old-fashioned ideals of college life and work; less of the feeling of smartness and fast life of a fraternity; the inculcation of principles of purity and earnest purpose."

"Individuality of members; the fraternity is now too much of a mill through which all men are ground out after the same type."

"In general, a man's scholarship may deteriorate as a result of the chapter-house, but he gains something intangible, vastly more valuable."

"Better men—men of strong personality and firm principles. There is here too much effort to get good-fellowship and harmony at the expense of anything and everything else."

"A definite standard of excellence in all branches of college activity with a system of alumni and upperclassmen supervision to keep the undergraduate body as far as possible up to the standard set."

"More unity in national fraternity and more attention to ideals just now; we are becoming commonplace and losing all sense of dignity and high purpose."

"Strict adhesion to a policy embodying high ideals, cultivating friendship between all fraternity men; a policy disapproving of under-hand and base methods—which must weaken the men who permit such things; an aggressive policy of mental improvement to its members and the university or college, and the making the fraternity a greater factor for good in the development of men and of our national life."

Several things become apparent to one who reads all these responses. The fraternity chapter-house is a potent factor for good or for evil. Whether it develops into one or the other depends upon how it is handled. The fact that the answers are so frequently diametrically opposed shows that conditions vary widely in different chapters of the same fraternity and proves that no man can safely judge a fraternity as a whole who knows but a single chapter in a single university.

The advantages pointed out and now being enjoyed in many chapter-houses by scores of young men leave no room for doubts as to the benefits, while, on the other hand, the frank statements of corresponding secretaries as to the dangers and disadvantages prove just as conclusively that the chapter-house may be a serious menace to the best interests of many young men. * * *

The fact, then, that the chapter-house is a force for evil as well as for good ought to discourage no true reformer. The further fact that some chapters have gone wrong and have died a violent death in their own sins or have had their charters revoked is no valid argument against the fraternity system of the modern chapter-house. Every factor in civilization—the church not excepted—is open to the same criticism.

It is not contended here that the fraternity can accomplish the

impossible, but that it can do in every chapter what it is now doing in the best. It can, for example,

1. Prevent a man of studious habits from becoming a mere grind, a book-worm, a recluse, by forcing him out into society.
2. It can prevent a man of strong social inclination from wasting time to the detriment of his mental development.
3. It can tone up a boy of good mind but slovenly habits and tone down a dude and prevent him from becoming the laughing-stock of sensible people.
4. It can prevent vulgar language, coarse manners and loafing in the chapter-house; and dishonesty and immorality everywhere as things unworthy a Greek-letter man.
5. It can reach down a helping hand to a hard-working, honest student who needs help and lift him up.
6. In short, it can keep constantly before its men the desirability of a well-rounded, symmetrical life.

It can do all these things and many more. In fact, what the well-organized, well-regulated fraternity can do with its men in four years is almost incredible to the outsider, because the outsider does not realize the tremendous hold that the fraternity gets upon its men. The boys are gathered together on the basis of similar tastes and ideals, when the rushing is properly done. Their constant association soon makes of them the closest friends. In a short time they would infinitely rather disgrace themselves than their fraternity brothers and their organization.

Such a fraternity receives into its ranks an undeveloped boy and sends forth, four years later, a man of poise, polish and not infrequently power.

But some one says this is an ideal—a condition impossible of attainment. Not at all. It now exists in the best chapters of the best fraternities. All that is contended here is that all the chapters can be made as good as the best.

Of those who expressed an opinion on the desirability of a return to ideals which demand better scholarship 81 per cent. agree that it is needed as a foundation upon which to rest culture and success in life, and they further agree that the reformation of the fraternity must come through the co-operation of the upperclassmen with the alumni, their friends, not through the legislators, the regents, trustees or faculty. * * * *

It is just as reprehensible for the better class of fraternity alumni

to abandon their chapters and give them up to the "sporty element"—because these chapters do not exactly please them—as it is for the better citizens to abandon municipal government to professional politicians and ward-heelers. There are enough good men in every fraternity and in every municipality to do the right thing. But they must be active. * * *

Ironclad, coercive rules from the alumni will not be wise except in extreme cases. They will defeat their own purpose by creating the same feeling of distrust and dislike which existed between the preacher-professor and the students of our early ecclesiastical colleges.

Of course, the alumnus cannot accomplish all this without the sympathy and active assistance of the upperclassmen. But the better, stronger upperclassmen in every chapter are ready for this assistance.

Hear this one letter from the secretary of a strong chapter of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity:

"The object of the fraternity, as I see it, is to take the place of the family and home life. The students have, upon entering college, come out from under the guiding influence of the parents or the paternal preparatory school. This lack of restraint and new-found liberty is likely to become license, and in the case of the weaker individuals to lead him to ruin. It is at this point that the fraternity steps in. The influence of the fraternity cannot be good unless its atmosphere is wholesome. Its atmosphere cannot be wholesome unless the seniors are earnest, carefully trained men, with a keen sense of duty, who will dominate and sway the policy of the chapter. A prominent professor here told me that a word from a senior had a more salutary effect upon a freshman of the same fraternity than any amount of talk from one of the faculty, in a case where a freshman was 'down' in his work.

"I should say, therefore, that the greatest need of the present-day fraternity is a more careful organization of the chapter and the system, so that the senior will be fitted to dominate the chapter and so that he will do so." * * *

The alumnus must give this assistance or he must be prepared, twenty years hence when he visits the old home, to greet a weaker chapter than he meets to-day, for the tendency in all the fraternities is unmistakably toward waste of time, weaker scholarship and more society, "fussing" and other adjuncts. * * * * *

The alumni can prevent all this and it is their duty to do so. Already they give valuable property and frequently more valuable time, and they have a right to expect every chapter of their fraternity

to develop men who will preserve their traditions and honor their fraternity and their alma mater.

The public has a right to expect this much of the fraternity. Last year it gave \$399,688,910 for the education of the youth of this land. It sees the secondary schools pour into the chapter-houses the best blood and brains of the state. After four years it expects to see returned to every honorable calling in every community, strong men, molders of public opinion—public opinion, the controlling force in a democracy. No organization is worthy support whose sole object is simply to protect itself and maintain its existence. The problems of society are so numerous and so complicated that both individuals and social organizations are in duty bound to enter the field determined to leave the world better than they found it. No organization has a right to ask support unless it has some noble mission.

The Symposium

From James B. Angel, President of the University of Michigan:

"No one familiar with the present condition of things in the fraternity houses can fail to realize that special effort is needed if the fraternities are to hold themselves up to the high reputation for scholarship and character which they formerly had before fraternity houses were established. The great dangers obviously to the residents in those houses are—waste of time, substitution of social life for hard study, and, if the upperclassmen are not of a high moral strain, the lowering of the moral character of the members. I sincerely trust that your efforts may prove beneficial to the fraternities generally. I am convinced that as a rule there is need just now of strenuous effort on the part of the members who are right-minded to hold the fraternity life up to a higher level than in many cases we observe at the present time."

From Prof. Arthur R. Priest, Phi Delta Theta, Dean of College of Liberal Arts, University of Washington:

* * * * "As a small part of the larger problem, the chapter-house should receive proper attention. The business care of the house should be taken, so far as possible, by resident alumni. Supervision of the scholarship and conduct of the chapter should be had by the alumni and faculty working through the upper class delegations of the chapter itself. Every effort should be put forth to impress upon the chapter that it is not of more importance than is the university as a whole, that the life in the house should help toward the true ends of university training."

From Wm. L. Dudley, Sigma Chi, Professor of Chemistry, Vanderbilt University:

* * * * "I have realized for a number of years that the tendency of active chapters was to drift slowly but surely away from the ideals of their fraternity and from the highest ideals of college life. I believe that the modern chapter-house is, in a measure, responsible for it, but we must remember that the spirit of the times must bear its share.

"The chapter-house is a great institution for the good of the active man if it is properly managed, but it may become an instrument for great evil. It is too great an institution for the active chapter to handle unaided. Young men inexperienced in the world's affairs cannot be expected to properly manage it, and the alumni must bear a large part of the responsibility or it will fail of good purpose. The alumni should take an active interest in the management of the chapter-house and also in the work of the active chapter generally. It is their duty to do so, and they alone can save the chapter and the fraternity, as a useful adjunct to college life.

"Occasionally some active man may have the feeling that the alumni are interfering with the prerogatives of the active member, but this is not true, and he should be made to so understand it. The fraternity is a brotherhood of the alumni and of the active men, individually and collectively, and the rights of one are the rights of all. In my opinion, the alumni are the salvation of the fraternity, and unless they actively guide the chapters, deterioration will be the inevitable result."

From John H. DeWitt, President of Phi Delta Theta:

* * * * "In judging of the chapter-house and its effect on the fraternity, we must be careful not to mistake the causes of some evils. If there is dissipation or waste of time or snobbishness or other misconduct, it may possibly not be due merely to this association, as it is easy to conclude that it is; but it may be a manifestation of unworthy traits or of evil associations that existed previous to college days. These objectionable qualities or habits may not justly be ascribable to the present environment, but they will be very much accentuated by bad tone and loose restrictions in the chapter-house, just as they will grow less in a high moral atmosphere and under the proper supervision by alumni and upperclassmen.

"This brings us to the fundamental proposition that, just as the moral tone and the culture of the home depends upon individual character, so does that of the chapter-house. Every fraternity should endeavor unceasingly to have each of its chapters deny membership to those who do not possess good moral character and a proper sense of values in life. It should insist everywhere upon the initiation only of young men who have come to college with some serious purpose, and this should be its very *esprit de corps*. The fraternity that will lower the standard of morals or scholarship or manhood for the sake of gaining popularity or wealth, even though it may help to relieve some local financial strain is horribly unworthy of its professed ideals and deserves little respect. The fraternities will never justify themselves when they do not prove that they are striving to develop a strong manhood by insisting on the simple virtues and a serious purpose as requisites for membership. There should be no difference as to this among the chapters constituting any given organization. It should be emphasized and reiterated as the basic ideal, put everywhere into operation, and all the force and power of the executive and administrative agencies should be exerted to have this policy everywhere

abound. Whenever the snob, the idler, the dissipated and the empty-headed irresponsible will be denied membership under all circumstances, then this chapter-house question will be much less difficult. This policy will be successful if the fraternities will in all their conventions and through their officers resolutely seek to put it into effect. A close supervision of each chapter as well as supervision of individuals in the chapter is very necessary.

"Whether the members of a chapter, or any of them, were originally possessed of unworthy traits or habits that thrive with the association, or they have acquired them after entering college, two things are absolutely necessary:

"First. Chapter-houses must not be extravagantly maintained. They should not be acquired by incurring an enormous debt which the chapters and their alumni cannot reasonably undertake to pay; and they should not be so sumptuous that their occupants will live in a style very disproportionate to their means. If this is not regulated by the college authorities it should at least be closely regulated by the chapters, their alumni and the officers of the fraternity supervising the chapters.

"Second. Life in a chapter-house and the college work of each member of the chapter should be under close supervision. This supervision should come from within the fraternity. The practice of self-regulation and self-restraint and a mutual stimulation will go farther than anything else toward developing the man and the gentleman. This is also the spirit of true brotherhood put into practice. Competent and influential upperclassmen should carefully supervise the younger members, and the management of the house should be in part by the alumni. Every chapter-house should be governed by a set of sensible and reasonable rules which should be enforced as a part of this supervision.

"If all this is only theory and impracticable, then our faith in the strength and loyalty of much of the flower of American young manhood is misplaced. What are the requisites for its success but diligence and devotion! Are not the purposes and traditions of the most strongly organized and best governed fraternities entirely in consonance with it? If there is real brotherhood in the fraternities, is not this the most inspiring way to make it truly and permanently beneficial? Surely they are fortunate who can be instrumental in the thorough consummation of such a programme; who will labor to make this the essence of the life of every chapter and to cause its alumni to become always interested in maintaining it. If they can be deeply impressed with their opportunity, surely they will not confront it with indifference. They will stand most earnestly for these simple and familiar propositions with the glow of a great enthusiasm. They will adhere to them insistently because they will realize that such principles when duly applied will operate for the promotion of brotherhood, the development of manhood, and the contribution of a larger strength of intellect and character to society."

From E. P. Lyon, Worthy Grand Chief, Alpha Tau Omega:

"In our universities generally, outside as well as inside of the fraternities, there is more or less of an inclination to believe that scholarship is not the principal thing for which one goes to college, and that what might be termed 'learning to live' is the real object of one's spending four years in an institution of learning. However much we may agree with this proposition, still it seems to me that 'learning to live,' in its best sense, means the acquisition of that power which only comes from a thoroughly disciplined and well-informed mind, and is derived from thorough attention to scholarly attainments.

"Now, as to remedies that may be applied: I will state that I have for

two years been laboring on this problem in connection with my work in the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. The most important step which I have taken is one which Professor McDermott emphasizes, and which in the end is bound to produce the best results, although perhaps for a time the results seem meager and intangible. I mean the creation of a different sentiment and spirit among the undergraduates in regard to this matter, and the revival in them of the idea that scholarship should be the principal aim of the student in college. I have attempted to arouse this spirit by means of circular letters to all the chapters, by addresses at banquets and other fraternity meetings and by urging prominent members of the fraternity on all occasions to speak in favor of higher scholarship. I think a great deal has been effected through our province chiefs in this direction.

"In addition, I have instituted several minor methods of directing the attention of the men in the chapters towards scholarly attainments. I have had prepared a form of honorary certificate, which is granted to every Alpha Tau who on graduating from college takes distinguished rank in scholarship, oratory or debate, or who is elected to Phi Beta Kappa or to any of the other honorary societies. The winners of these certificates are mentioned in my circular letters to the chapters and in the fraternity's journal. I have also instituted a semi-annual report concerning scholarship, which each chapter is required to make through the province chief to me. This report contains the names of all undergraduates, who during the previous semester have been conditioned or who have failed in any subject. The province chiefs and myself then do all we can to imbue the delinquents with the idea that they must do better.

"Still a third method which is assisting us in getting an improvement along scholarship lines is that of inspections. Our province chiefs are required to visit all chapters at frequent intervals, and when on these visits they are required to call upon the president or registrar of the institution and inquire into the scholarship and behavior of our men. We also urge each chapter to have a committee of upperclassmen to watch carefully over the younger and see that they attend to their work. By all of these methods I feel that we are getting considerable improvement, and I hope that before many years have passed by we may have quite different ideals in force in regard to the desirability of high scholastic achievement."

From Walter J. Sears, Grand Historian of Sigma Nu:

* * * * "The love and conscience, the law and authority of the home must find expression in the chapter-house. These will stand for its wise discipline and government, representing at once its sanity and its respectability. To these essential requirements will be added the refinement of cultured men; and uniting all will be found the kindly and sympathetic fellowship of congenial spirits.

"How shall this ideal of the chapter-house, which is the ideal of the American home, be broadly and richly realized in all our societies? I repeat, give our chapter-houses the spiritual leadership that is sensitive to the meaning of this ideal, and that is willing to dedicate itself loyally to its fulfillment.

"First, an effort should be made to develop this leadership in the chapter itself. If some higher classman has grown in his love of his fraternity and its faith, and in a warm affection for its members, eager to give himself in service to them, then such a man ought to be a fit leader of the higher life of the chapter-house.

"Second, whether the chapter develops this leadership or not, its spirit

should be represented by the alumni. This is now the one supreme duty resting upon all our old men—to guide and direct the young men into paths of Hellenic honor. To this end the alumni of each chapter should select some one of their number, or perhaps a committee, to cooperate with the management along all its lines of spiritual and material effort. * * * *

"The higher and nobler conception of Hellenic duty lays upon every group these well-settled demands:

"(1) That every group shall provide clean and wholesome fellowship.

"(2) An environment that will be uplifting to the moral and spiritual nature, and that will produce men of character as well as men of scholarship.

"(3) To win and retain the esteem of the college community, the student body and the faculty.

"(4) To win and retain the loving interest of the alumni, of all the men who have lived the chapter-house life.

"The men of all societies are coming to see that the chapter-house must be vitalized and consecrated as the central point of energy and dynamics in the social development of the fraternity life. More and more our men are coming to believe that these houses should be not only ornate in the graces of design but rich in the achievements of manhood. More and more our men, old and young, are coming to realize that the house and the alumni, the home and the life, the faith and the leadership, the law and the spirit, the ideal and its fulfillment, the young man and the old man—these are one—these must be one in the development of our fraternity men."

From Ralph S. Kent, Sigma Alpha Epsilon:

* * * * "Observations have convinced me that if the fraternity man is in college with a serious purpose and a definite aim in life, there can be no more broadening, helpful, stimulating influence surrounding him than arises from the daily life and contact with his brothers in the chapter-house. The young fellow in college merely for the sake of being in college will usually make a worse failure outside of the fraternity than he would inside. An idle purpose creates only an idle man.

"With these considerations in mind, you can much more readily appreciate the suggestions which I have to offer for making the fraternity an active power in developing the freshman into a cultured, polished, self-reliant, educated gentleman, which to my mind is the real purpose of a fraternity and the real problem before the Greek world. To this end three things are essential: First, the right kind of man to start with; second, a proper point of view for each initiate; and third, interested and active alumni who have a genuine love for their mother chapter.

"Some may say that the first essential is all-sufficing and that the great difficulty is in getting the right kind of man. By the term, however, I mean a man who is not essentially bad, not incapable of assimilating fraternity ideals and not irresponsive to good influences. Where many fraternities make mistakes is in endeavoring to pledge star prep-school men, regardless of their personality. Some of these stars are modest and unassuming, but the vast majority of them are boastful, conceited and possessed of the idea that they are in college for their athletic prowess alone—which too often is true—and, because of their athletic ability, they think they are amenable to no laws and owe no consideration to anything or any one except their own pleasures and themselves. Such a man has a very bad influence upon weaker members of the fraternity. He loves flattery and a following, among which his doings are considered all right. The 'grind' or 'shark' is equally undesirable because

he is, as a rule, so inordinately selfish that there is no comfortable groove in the fraternity life that he can fill. The man who will reflect the greatest glory upon the fraternity does not, as a usual thing, belong to either of these classes. Rather is he the one who is modest, unassuming, of good morals and capable of a healthy ambition to make his life worth while to himself and to others in this world. I do not wish to be understood as urging the selection of only goody-good boys, or anything of that kind, but the man must be congenial, he must be temperate, of clean habits, capable of appreciating the best in men while overlooking their weaknesses, and possessed of a purpose to obtain some definite advantage from his college course. Such a man is fertile soil for fraternity ideals.

"Second. Each initiate should have a proper point of view. Every active member of the chapter should make it a point to be agreeable to the candidate and to draw him out of himself naturally, so that his true personality may be known. In turn the candidate will thus learn the personality of each member of the chapter. When the invitation is extended, he should be given a correct statement of what the fraternity stands for. Its aims and ideals should be set before him, so that he will get rid of any false notions which he may have acquired from friends or enemies of fraternity life. The majority of failures among fraternity men are traceable directly to an initial wrong conception of fraternity life. Likewise most of the criticisms that are made concerning fraternity life have as a basis the failures and not the successes among fraternity men. The candidate should also be made to realize that if he does join he will be expected to add his share of good to the general welfare. He should understand that his fraternity cannot carry 'dead wood' in any branch of college life, and that, on the other hand, he will receive that kind of assistance which does not destroy self-reliance and independence, but creates and builds it up. He should be made to appreciate that he is being offered at the very beginning of his college life an opportunity to have developed the best that is in him, but that success depends very largely upon how much he yields himself to good influences.

"With such a point of view from the beginning, the men who accept the invitation will do so without any doubt as to the outcome and will be ready to join heartily in the work that is before them. Moreover, they will take great pride in their standing with the faculty and with their fellow-classmates, simply because they will be conscious that they represent a fraternity which they love.

"It very often happens that a candidate is attracted by the magnificence and splendor of this or that chapter-house and judges the standing of the fraternity by that fact alone. In other cases he forms his judgment entirely by the number of athletes or prominent men in the fraternity. This is unfortunate, both for the man himself and for the fraternity that finally gets him. It likewise often happens that the glories and advantages of the fraternity are set forth before the candidate in such glowing and brilliant terms that he receives a rude shock upon entering for the first time the intimate knowledge of a fraternity meeting. As a result his hopes are blasted, his enthusiasm dampened, and he feels as if he had purchased a gold brick. It behooves a fraternity, therefore, to be perfectly honest and perfectly truthful in the statements it makes in extending its invitation.

"The one great question which the chapter should determine before asking a man to join a fraternity is, 'Can he fit in with the rest of us?' On the other hand, it should be spread broadcast among all freshmen that the one question which they must answer in determining whether or not to accept the invitation

is, 'Can I fit in and be congenial with them?' If either question is answered in the negative, then that man should not be asked to or join that fraternity. Given the proper point of view, however, if he decides to start, he will start right.

"Then comes the third essential: The duty of the faithful alumnus. This poor individual has been told so often what his duties are that I shall not add to his burdens. Instead of preaching to the alumnus it would seem that more could be done by actually doing things for him. Seek his interest and advice, while catering to his pleasure and happiness. Hold his interest by the methods used to gain it. At all times the chapter should be as considerate of an alumnus as if he were a likely 'sub-frosh.'"

From Miss Ina Firkins, Delta Gamma:

* * * * "The definite evils of chapter-house life Mr. McDermott has very thoroughly investigated, also their advantages, and leaves us just about where we started, rather uncertain as to whether they make for good or evil. The remedy for the defects, he suggests, lies with the alumni. Probably the alumni could correct most of the trouble if they would—but they won't. It is only a few of the younger and less occupied alumni who are willing to give more time than it takes to write an occasional check to their fraternities. The salvation must come through the active chapters, whose interest in the matter is personal and keen. Our hope is in the upperclassmen. Juniors and seniors can exert a much greater influence on the freshmen than parents or alumni. With alumni sentiment, if not activity, behind them, the upperclassmen have the solution of the difficulty in their own hands. To foster the proper spirit of responsibility among them is the work of the fraternity conventions, of the journals, of the college faculties. Youth is strong to do what it desires because its faith is great."

From Miss Charlotte H. Walker, Editor of Kappa Alpha Theta:

* * * * "Physical ease does not stimulate mental alertness. When our alumni see that the luxuries, which their pride and generosity provide for the college youth of today, are a mere temptation to waste of time; when our fraternity houses become in reality a substitute for natural home life instead of pretentious clubs, then only may we expect a return to good scholarship."

"But we need also a better mutual understanding between the fraternal organizations and the college faculties. On the university faculties, at least, there are usually found several representatives of each fraternity. In such cases the fraternities should each elect an alumnus member of the faculty who would be responsible alike to the faculty and the fraternity for the scholarship of its members. Such an alumnus could speak with authority, but also with sympathetic understanding for the undergraduate. Thus the acknowledged duty of our alumni, i. e., to care for the scholarship of our undergraduates, would no longer be left to the haphazard oversight of chance alumni visitors and residents. It would become the duty of one man, elected for the purpose, and suited therefor by his special interest in, and knowledge of, the situation."

From Miss Gertrude C. Ross, former President of Gamma Phi Beta:

"Primarily it is the thought of our sorority that the nearest approach to a genuine house life in the chapter-houses will be found when we can place in them as chaperons members of our own sorority. By so doing we believe that the college chapters can more readily be made to feel the influence of the

alumnæ, that the alumnæ will be more alive to their responsibility, and that this will result in maintaining the traditions and ideals of the sorority. With the judicious aid and supervision of one of their own number we think that the seniors will realize that they are the guides and examples of the underclassmen. When this responsibility is acknowledged it will, without doubt, create an atmosphere of pride in a well regulated home life, a respect for authority, a proper seriousness toward college work and a loyalty to the institution, all of which will influence the newcomer and cause her to adjust herself more easily to her surroundings and to the demands of university life."

From Mrs. A. R. Cooke, Gamma Phi Beta:

"Professor McDermott's article goes clearly to the root of the matter and voices the feelings I have had for a good while. It seems to me that the alumni who have had the ideals and aims of their organizations clearly in mind and who feel what should be the goal, should work with the members of the chapter who have some ideas that a fraternity is not simply a method of social preferment. Try and impress upon them that proficiency in bridge and dancing and the ability to wear fine clothes well are not to be the first requisites in choosing new freshmen members. That being a crack football or baseball player does not presuppose high mental or moral development, suited to carrying out the best interests of the fraternity, though all of these things have their place. Let the chapter understand that the alumni consider it a disgrace to flunk, without exceptionally good reason for so doing. Scholarship is not everything; many things go to the making of an all-around man. Teach the chapter to be proud of itself for its worth, for the place it holds in its fraternity, to keep its banner untarnished, its shield free from stain, its heart firm and strong. This is the work of the alumni, primarily. If they can teach and impress a few men in the chapter, these can influence the others. If the chapter can be made what it should be, the house itself ought to give no trouble. If it is to be a drawback and hindrance to the best interests and development of the fraternity, it has no reason for its existence and should be abolished."

From Mrs. Richard Tennant, Inspector of Alpha Chi Omega:

"A word more about the fraternity house. Expense has not been spared on many of these beautiful fraternity homes, and where properly conducted with business sense they have certain advantages which all will admit. The intellectual and social intimacy of such homes may be valuable. But they can be valuable only when each member has something to contribute to character, conduct and life.

"The student entering college enters a new world. The charm and romance of tradition are about him. For the first two years the world is large and the fraternity seems an important part of it. The fraternity house is apt to promote an exclusiveness that narrows and handicaps the first two years. If fraternities could exclude from chapter-houses all members that have not attained the junior year, most of the house problems would cease to trouble. By the third year the student has found his bearings, is able to weigh things with some discrimination, can make some distinction between the real and the artificial. Two years offer an opportunity to imbibe college spirit, college life in its broad, fine sense. Individual responsibility has increased, resulting in certain dignity and poise.

"All this is in danger of being missed if a student lives in a fraternity house through the freshmen and sophomore years. Right here two possible

suggestions seem practical: the employment of a chaperon who shall receive a salary, and whose duties shall be definitely defined, and whose relation to the fraternity is not regarded as an inferior one; and the employment of a fraternity inspector whose business shall be to report to the Grand Council every two months. This inspector should confer frequently with certain faculty members, such as deans and chairmen of social committees. We believe such a plan feasible, and until something of this kind is done, the fraternity house will continue an unwarranted extravagance and will not be regarded as a valuable adjunct to college life."

The Advantage of the Four-Year College Girl Over the One-Year College Girl

(By Dr. F. C. Demorest, A. M., Professor of Latin, Albion College.)

The advantage of a college course cannot be measured in terms of pure knowledge; rather in terms of insight and established habit. In the college course the student should acquire habits of culture, develop a tendency, get an instinct, achieve a momentum towards the best things. A liberal education is a liberating from wrong conceptions, from crude and unworthy aims, from the limited vision of the low-lying plain of human life. Its object is the winning of the larger vision, of the consciousness of the larger, the universal life, issuing into greater effectiveness because of the assured control of reason in the activities of life.

This transformation must of necessity be gradual. First comes the breaking of the crust, the iconoclastic discrediting of erroneous concepts, the preparation for the better vision. This comes in the first year or two of the college course, and needs to be supplemented with the constructive phase to be found later in the college course before any broad and solid foundation can be established. "A little learning is a dangerous thing;" likewise a little of a college course. Many a student has been upset by a single year of college course, and yet by continuance of the course has later come to establishment on sound basis in the better life of insight and intelligent appreciation of the universal spirit, which never could have come without the disillusionment of that first year.

It may be noted that the one-year person is the one who is always expressing dissatisfaction with the college life, and is the readiest

with the crude and undigested criticism of the teachings and life of the college. We repeat, this dissatisfaction at the beginning is inevitable if a person is to get any good out of the college course, and the only solution for it is the settling process of the rest of the course. The person who leaves college at the end of one year has lost somewhat the strength of the narrow vision, and has not yet acquired the strength of the larger vision. Such a person is liable to be a weakling. It is probable that a large proportion of those who have had but one year of a college course have been injured by it rather than helped.

The element of activity and energy is indispensable and we have it in large measure in our civilization. The element of unhurried deliberation is likewise indispensable, and it is largely the business of the college life of the land. This element, as the writer of Ecclesiastes well says, "cometh by opportunity of leisure." By leisure we mean not mystic quietism nor ascetic separatism. Rather it is the slow but sure subjugation of the impulses and activities of life to the control of "sweet reasonableness," and this is a work that cannot be done in a minute—nor in one year of a college course. Mr. Bosanquet well defines leisure, such as is here referred to, as "that employment of the mind in which by great thoughts, by art and poetry, which lift us above ourselves, by the highest exertion of the intelligence, as we should add, by religion, we occasionally obtain a sense of something that cannot be taken from us, a real oneness and center in the universe."

This element it is the function of the college to conserve as the balance wheel in the mechanical activity of this age. The very ideal of higher education, then, especially in this strenuous age, insists upon something that is fundamentally and directly opposite to the idea of hurry represented in the one-year plan, and of this thing in the very nature of the case, one year can give no satisfactory conception. One year will give a superficial glimpse of the exterior quietism, but fail utterly to give any the least insight into the solidity and vital power of the hidden inner life. One year will give a distaste for the old, and yet leave a restlessness and impatience because of the lack of the masterfulness of the new.

The mechanical and inventive spirit of our age is so evidently well calculated to provide opportunity for this kind of leisure as to make it seem the purpose of Providence. It is the danger of this age that it shall neglect this great opportunity. Such rejection would mean a relapse into darker ages than the world has yet seen.

The social relation of the one-year girl growing out of her college life which is probably the chiefest reason offered for attendance for at least one year, is as defective as the other features. The one-year girl has not been in college long enough to either leave an impression that will be very effective, nor to receive an impression that will make her very effective. She will soon pass out of the life and thought of the college.

Needs of an American Music Student as Seen by an American Piano Teacher of Paris

In the huge American colony of Paris, the largest by far in Europe, the ties of blood and language make themselves felt on all sides, and the newcomer is ever welcome. Through the extending of this fellowship one comes in contact with the greater part of the student colony in a comparatively short time. From the students of music in its various manifestations, from my own teaching, from frank talks with other American and with French teachers I deduce the following:—

American students of music are in need most of all of educational background. Many of them lack at home the facilities for theoretical studies but more of them underestimate the importance of such studies in musical attainments.

I am told, and my personal experience, thus far, adds weight to the story, that American students come with knowledge only of the keyboard (or with a voice), and gradually are forced to the conviction that both fingers and voice should be given second place; and that ear-training, sight reading, musical analysis, harmony and musical history should become their major interests. With sincere students this is a common experience. The appreciation of these

deficiencies comes sometimes slowly, but surely, and with it a sense of misdirected energies and ideals that is the very essence of discouragement.

European schools recognize the study of the history and science of Music Making as an integral part of the equipment of every thoroughly cultured person. In these older countries men and women wishing advancement along the highest lines in the control of the government, must be familiar to a degree unheard of with us, with the histories and theories of the tonal and color arts.

At the Louvre, last week, I noticed a group of army officers, all over thirty-five years of age, taking notes of a lecture on various famous paintings. Upon inquiry I found that they were applicants for higher rank in the French army and their examinations would include questions upon art.

Fancy our government requiring a study of art as one of the essentials to promotion in the United States army. Knowledge of the fundamentals of art, in its various forms, is not considered a necessary factor in education with us. We consider it for the specialist or professional only; which is a great mistake and which happily, is even now being corrected by degrees in many schools and universities in America.

Over here they are one and all really startlingly professional in the acquisition of that vague thing which we call "culture." Their business, as students, is to inform themselves as widely and as accurately as possible; and above all, to gather their information in some comprehensive and comprehensible system. Welcome the day when our students of the arts shall be equally professional, or perhaps simply conscientious, is a better word.

American students are splendid workers and if they had a thorough educational equipment would excel in all departments. When they do gain some recognition in Europe it is because of pre-eminent gifts along their special line combined with the industry and ambition they manifest. These are the ones of which you hear. The thousand and one of which you do not hear could make successes in their various stations and be repaid for foreign study if they had had the musical educational background necessary before coming.

Perhaps the ideal way, and oftentimes the most practical, for the music student, is to go abroad while still young in his studies and while breathing the music-laden air learn of the foundation of his beloved art and thus receive inspiration from all sides. This method brings quick returns and here in Paris is being done by some of the American teachers who are this winter inaugurating classes in theory, history, and so forth. Think of the benefit to be derived by the study by day of the various schools of music, history of music and musicians, of instruments ancient and modern and of operas, and then by night hearing a wealth of examples of all these phases of the art; a wealth such as is possible only in three or four European cities; a wealth which is hard to comprehend unless one has experienced it.

Voice students need at least the first year of harmony, and they need it while young, when they and their teachers can apply it and make use of it. Later all their time and thoughts are taken up in placing the voice and in their study of opera roles. It is an achievement to do the first; it requires hard study to do the second; it is a miracle when the doing of both lands the student on the grand opera stage.

My work has been for years with American students and my heart goes out to them in these words:—

Study to be a Musician first and a Specialist second. Ground yourself in knowledge of the materials and make-up of music; in the history and evolution of the art. Analyse the classics until you are as well acquainted with their structure as you are with the formation of English sentences. Don't rush through your theoretical courses; don't fail to master thoroughly the principles of elementary harmony. If you do you will not only have a lifetime in which to regret it but you will start your foreign studies with a handicap which you will be unable to overcome. Read every book you can find on music; encourage your younger brothers and sisters to study and yourself study some theoretical course offered in the high schools. Get the habits of thought of a real musician by copying music, writing music, and dissecting classic models. In your later studies you will find the elements of success are something like

this,—eight-tenths of it is intellect; two-tenths is fingers. With vocal students the lack of theoretical equipment is even commoner than with the students of instruments, since it is not as imperative a need in the early and middle stages, but, it is absolutely a necessity later, and then it is often too late to acquire it.

You as a sorority are especially influential along music lines throughout the colleges of the United States of America. I hope you will turn the full strength of that influence in favor of solid musicianship among American students. Urge the theoretical studies being placed in the regular high-school curriculum. Work for their success when offered therein. Put a premium upon the intellectual grasp of Music as a Science. If you wish to make the most of the wonderful opportunities offered abroad; if you wish to really get all the help and inspiration out of the musical atmosphere of Europe, I urge you, as one who meets with American students every day, equip your minds. Base your specialty on something that will stand to that specialty as your personal character stands to your education. Your sorority should be the first to stimulate the reading of what works on music you have in your college and city libraries; the first to submit new books on these subjects to the librarian; the first to form your own libraries of musical books; the first to fight for music courses (along theoretical lines) in high schools and universities; the first and foremost in raising the standard of the intellectual musicianship among American students. Their voices are the best in the world, their fingers are as manageable as those of Europeans. They lack the solid background of early acquired musicianship. To-day is your time to begin to correct this. Examine yourself; are you "musiker" or "musikant?" HENRY EAMES.



The Chapter Meeting

I was visiting in Omega Chapter, and just before chapter meeting, as we were all standing together, I overheard two freshmen talking. "Yes, I looked it up in the constitution," said one. "I don't like it, though!" "Well, I didn't either at first, but I asked some of the girls about it, and it really is better so." Then, from another corner, I caught a lively discussion about a new house rule. All over the room, the girls seemed to know just what business was to come up in the chapter meeting, to know all about each question, and to have a very definite opinion concerning them. I partly understood this, when I saw a calendar hanging on the door of the chapter room with a space where the program for the meeting was noted.

So, when these questions came up in the chapter meeting, I was not at all surprised to see one girl after the other rise, wait for recognition from the president, then state her opinion briefly and clearly. It all happened so quickly, that before I realized it, five or six girls had spoken and the question was being voted upon. And here came my second surprise: the girls did not all vote in the affirmative, and a little later, the negative won on another question. But as soon as the decision was once reached, there was no further discussion. The matter had been decided by the chapter and each girl was in honor bound to uphold that decision.

The literary program followed. First, was a short paper on Grieg and his work. Several of his melodies were played on the piano, showing the Norwegian character of his work. Then, for perhaps ten minutes, there was a very free discussion of the subject in which personal points concerning the man, criticisms and opinions concerning his work were given. I heard afterward that books on

Grieg had been on the library table for a couple of weeks. Evidently most of the girls had taken time, at least to look them over.

After this, there was a short, snappy spell-down on points of the Alpha Chi constitution, and the meeting closed.

As I was thinking it over afterward, I marvelled at the number of things that had been done and done well in that short evening. And I concluded that the reason it was possible, was because not two or three girls but everyone in chapter was ready and was prepared to give her part to the meeting, even if that part was only to understand what some one else was saying.

So, in our own chapter, let us not forget that as loyal Alpha Chis, there is something due from each one of us to our chapter meeting. Let us each do our part: give the best of our thought and best of ourselves toward making our chapter meeting fulfill the purpose for which we come together.

RUTH HARLOW, 1909, Lambda.

The City Girl

The city girl—who is she, and what is she in the Fraternity? To the homesick Freshman, who is battling with her first attack of the blues, the city girl seems to be a creature who must be living in the seventh heaven of bliss.—“She goes to college, and yet she lives at home! O, what did I do with my handkerchief?” To the Senior President, however, she is something of a puzzle. “Girls, who’ll see Edith to-day and tell her about that girl we’re rushing?” or “I wonder if Bess really understands about her committee work. She isn’t in the house; so I can’t remind her of it, yet she has as much time as the rest of us.” These are a few of the remarks with which she greets the girls at the breakfast table several mornings a week. But the city girl herself feels as if she were a very mixed-up sort of a person. She has her college work; she has her fraternity; she has her home duties and responsibilities; and she has to fulfill the demands of her city friends and her church upon her time. In short, she is sort of a conglomeration of college girl, “home-keeping” girl and city girl, and she does not know what she really is.

Sometimes one trait must, of necessity, predominate and sometimes another, and yet none must be lost sight of at any time. In truth, it is hard to say just *what* a city girl is.

While she is as loyal a fraternity girl as any of her sisters, yet the city girl differs from them in many respects. She does not have quite the same viewpoint as the other girls have and sees things in a way which it is as impossible for them to understand as it is impossible for her to understand their point of view. In a way, she is a little to be pitied because she so often misses the true spirit of college life. Away from the campus, away from the chapter house, she has to meet the same questions in the same way as the girl who is in close touch with the center of activities. As a result, misunderstandings sometimes arise—nothing serious, to be sure, but yet a little unpleasant.

Oftentimes the city girl has never been away from her home people for any length of time and has never been thrown upon her own responsibilities to as great an extent as the out-of-town girl. She does not know what it is to be homesick. And so, she also does not quite know how to sympathize with the girls in the same way that the others do. She would very much like to, but some one must needs tell her how. Then, too, she cannot go very often to the Fraternity house; and so fails to catch the spirit which prevails among her sisters over some agitating question. Or she misses the latest decision which the majority of the girls have reached concerning some rushee. Please do not blame her for her lack of knowledge but "explain fully, going into great detail," as they say. It will be time well spent. Then again, she does not become as intimately acquainted with her sisters as the others do who live with them day after day. This is a disadvantage and is also a discouragement which it is hard to overcome.

The city girl should be expected to do and should do her full share of the fraternity work. She does not wish to "short-skate" because she does not have all the fraternity advantages which the others have. But please remember that she is expected to do what you would be doing if you were home, added to what you are doing now in college. So, be lenient with her shortcomings, and tell her

that you "forgive her and love her." For she, indeed, loves you! If she does not seem to understand college life and does not know the girls as well as she should, invite her to stay at the Chapter house for a week or so. You will be surprised to discover how little she really knew about you, and how little you knew about her. Take a few moments from study and go and call on her and her family without being especially invited. She will appreciate it very much. Encourage the practice of having one distinctly fraternity meal every week to which all the girls are welcomed and expected. The best time for this is the day when the cook has an afternoon off. Nothing will make a girl feel so much at home in the Chapter house as to go into the kitchen and "cook"; so have it understood that the city girl is also expected to help with this meal. These are a few suggestions which have been found practicable and useful and which may be accepted at their face value.

In a town of considerable size the city girl is an important factor in the fraternity. It is chiefly through her that the fraternity is judged and given a status by the city people. She has thus the added pleasure and responsibility of being able to live at home and yet receive all the advantages of college and fraternity. She must be true to her city; she must be true to her city friends; true to her college; true to her home; and true to her fraternity! Help her by being true to her! MARY EMMA GRIFFITH, 1910, Lambda.

Loyalty

Of all the keys on the organ of human life, the one that is perhaps the oftenest sounded, and which always yields the sweetest note, is loyalty. Loyalty to one's friends, to one's country, to one's college, or to one's fraternity—tho they may seem to be vastly different things, they are in essence the same.

It is, however, of course, loyalty to the fraternity that we, as college and fraternity girls must consider, and that forms a large part of our college life. And many of us do not realize in what various forms and ways that loyalty may be—nay, must be, found.

One form of loyalty, that of supporting our fraternity in public ways, of taking care that the good name of A X Ω is unblemished, in making our particular group stand for the leadership in college affairs—this form is met oftenest, and is easiest to adhere to.

But how many girls realize that unless they regard more the deeper things that pertain only to themselves, they are disloyal to their fraternity? How many girls feel that their failure in a recitation reflects more on A X Ω than on herself? How many feel that an indiscreet act, though performed carelessly, in the spirit of fun, casts a shadow, slight, but far-reaching, on the scarlet and olive?

And how many consider that in neglect of little things within the chapter, the procrastination in paying chapter dues or Lyre fees; the neglect of committee work, or work carelessly done, she is placing a little leaven of disloyalty that may leaven the whole lump?

Then here's to loyalty! The star which brightens the pathway of our progress in the great Greek world,—without which would be no bond of closest friendship, no loving communion one with another, no great sisterhood of A X Ω.

FLORENCE FALL, 1909, Beta.

Our Grip

Why do we not use it more in greeting? I have wondered this so many, many times. Before my initiation I supposed it was the only true way sisters in the bond greeted each other, and oh! how I longed to know that magic and secret hand-clasp which would signify the real sisterhood of Alpha Chi Omega. I supposed, of course, that it was always used upon every occasion. After my initiation I rudely awoke to the fact that it was seldom used outside the fraternity rooms.

We see fraternity men giving their carefully covered grip upon all occasions, and it seems to mean so much to them. I believe that we are missing part of the spirit of our fraternity in not using the grip when greeting our sisters.

WINNIFRED CECIL WEBSTER, Gamma.



ALUMNAE DEPARTMENT

**Work in the Tenderloin District of Philadelphia**

METHODIST EPISCOPAL DEACONESS HOME,
611 Vine St., Philadelphia.

My dear Alpha Chi Sisters: It would be almost impossible to write an article for the LYRE about my work in the Tenderloin district of Philadelphia. A personal letter is what you want—one just written for you.

You would like to know about the Deaconess Home—its work and its workers. The superintendents (Miss Bertha Fowler and Miss Winetta Stacks), the kindergartner, and myself, are missionaries, but most of the family are deaconesses, six serving churches in different parts of the city, one a nurse, one meeting steamers at the immigrant station, and three engaged in work in this district. A portion of our house is set aside for industrial classes, and nearly all of our calling is done in the homes of those who attend these classes, although we sometimes give relief to families not represented in our educational work.

A class in Sunday School, two classes in Kitchengarden and in Girls' Gymnasium, playing the piano and serving refreshments for Mothers' Meeting, superintending the primary department and teaching one class in the Junior Epworth League, teaching one class in the Sewing School—this is the program of one week's class work for which I am responsible. Isn't that varied, and doesn't it sound interesting?

But, you are wondering, if my time is mostly taken up in teaching industrial classes how can I use my music? We Alpha Chi girls love music, we need it, it is the inspiration of our lives, and we have had the best of it always. Then imagine the feelings of a child

who knows nothing but the music of the hurdy-gurdy, when he first hears strains from the "Pilgrim's Chorus."

Never will my first Christmas time at the Deaconess Home be forgotten. The industrial department had been opened only a few months, and many of the children had not yet learned how to conduct themselves. The day of the Sewing School's exercises, the girls had been waiting outside nearly an hour, and were growing very rough and boisterous. When the door was opened, they rushed in, tumbling over chairs, and striking each other, in their haste to find their places. Miss Stacks wore a puzzled look for a moment, then, turning to me, said, "Play something—quick!" I began the Angel's Serenade. The first note was not heard, the next, only by a few girls nearest the piano, but scarcely had two measures been played until the room was quiet. Tiny candles were lighting the room, a silver star in the top of the tree was sending down its rays, and soon the girls were ready to receive the Christmas message.

Christmas and Easter Carols are sung with expression and dignity by the Sunday School pupils, as they listen to the interpretation of each verse by the piano.

In Kitchengarden the songs are an important factor, for the girls remember those long after the details of a lesson are forgotten. If songs for each occupation cannot be found in books, they are manufactured,—a friend being able to write any words desired. Then, as I cannot sing, I repeat the words while playing the tune, and the girls learn them as readily as if they were sung.

The song service in Sewing School, Boys' Club, Junior League, and Mothers' Meeting, is a delightful part of the program, instilling a spirit of deep reverence in the hearts of the participants.

Instrumental music is most profitably used and deeply appreciated in the Kindergarten, and in the Mothers' Meeting. The descriptive pieces are very real to the "kinders." They laugh with "The Brook" as it "runs over the stones"; they pinch their noses at the sound of Grieg's "Frost Elves"; they ring the anvil with Handels "Harmonious Blacksmith"; they mimic the notes of the "Birds in the Woods", and, at their resting time are sung almost to sleep by the Cradle Song. As I do not teach in the Kindergarten, they

always know why "Mith Teech" comes into the room, and invariably call for their favorite selections. One morning I played only a part of Liszt's "Am Meer," and, when it was finished, little Mildred spoke up, "O! she only did one thunder." Another time, several days before Christmas, I had just played a song, "Merrily, Merrily, Carol," when thoughtful Wilbur said, "It seems almost as though the Christmas bells *were* ringing."

As the kindergartner often talks to the mothers about the work of the children, it would be very natural to play much of the same music in the Mothers' Meeting as in the Kindergarten, but I do not limit myself to that. On the third of February, the birthday of the great composer, I gave a Mendelssohn program, ending with the "Rondo Capriccioso," which caused the women to sit on the edge of their chairs, and open their mouths in astonishment. But they, too, really enjoy most of the strictly descriptive music, or that about which some story can be told, often calling for the pieces in their own way, such as,—“the one where the woman dies,” for “The Last Hope,” or “the one where them two was quarrelin’,” for Mendelssohn’s “Duetto.” One evening a poor little woman, with shawl pulled close about her, to hide her ragged clothing, said, “That was worth coming a long ways in a snow-storm to hear,” after “Cavalleria Rusticana” had been played.

Can you imagine a joy greater than giving to these poor, starved souls the best that the musical world has to offer?

Yours faithfully,

MABEL LOUISE KEECH.

[Miss Keech is a member of Beta chapter and received an A. B. degree from Temple College in 1905. She also completed the course of study in the Conservatory of Music, graduating in piano in 1902 and in organ in 1905. While in college, Miss Keech was identified with all phases of student life, and her ability and popularity are shown by the fact that she was president of the Athletic Association, president of the Pleiad Association, and for five years a member of the Y. W. C. A. cabinet. For the past three years Miss Keech has been a home missionary in Philadelphia.]

The Chief Alumna has received many cordial responses to the letters sent out during the past month but, as yet, the majority are expressions of good intentions rather than results of work accom-

plished. All the chapters seem very much interested in "the success of our new enterprise" as the Delta correspondent expressed it. And we might remark in passing that this idea of individual ownership is one of the best signs of the times.

Another chapter historian writes, "I have done just enough work to realize that my duties will be very interesting, tho strenuous," and you may judge for yourself the extent of her zeal from the fact that she already has six girls helping her with the *alumnæ* correspondence. "Indeed we ought to be able to send some very interesting *alumnæ* notes for some of Zeta's former members have accomplished much in the musical world."

From one of our newer chapters, Lambda, came a very cordial letter. Having graduated but two classes, their *alumnæ* roll is not large, but they make up for numbers in their enthusiasm. Most of the girls are teaching in eastern schools, "they are dear girls and we expect brilliant things of them in the future, but they have to get acclimated to the cold, cold world, first, you know."

Theta chapter had received an enthusiastic letter from Mrs. Virginia Fisk Green, one of her charter members, that was an inspiration to the girls. The historian sends the following extract: "In November it was my privilege to go to the convention in Champaign as the New York delegate and I found the trip a great inspiration. The idea of a chapter historian is an excellent one, as it will enable us to have a record of the old girls and keep in touch with them—a feature which has not been made enough of in the past. Our *Alumnæ* chapter had dinner at the Cafe Boulevard on February 9, 1909. There were twenty-seven present, including husbands and brothers, and we had a delightful time." Mrs. Green expects to visit Ann Arbor this summer and the girls are looking forward to the pleasure of making her acquaintance. * * * Lois Berst of Erie, Pa., who is giving private lessons in piano, says, "I belong to the College Womans Club here, which is composed of all the college girls in the city; also to the MacDowell Club, named after our great American composer, whose music we study besides all the other classics. We also keep up to date in all musical events and happenings in New York and Boston especially. Mrs. MacDowell is very much inter-

ested in us and intends visiting us as soon as she can." Lois expects to go abroad to study music in the near future.

Beta chapter sends us the news of the marriage of May Howey to Mr. Henry Miltner of Lake City Mich., February 23 1909. Georgia Goodenow had the pleasure of their company at dinner in Jackson, as the happy couple were en route to Chicago. Their future home will be in Lake City. * * * Kathryn Granger, who is spending the winter in the West, wrote a letter to the chapter that was brim full of enthusiasm for Alpha Chi and replete with praises for the Chis in California. "Here I am, over three thousand miles from you, and still I find myself surrounded by fraternity sisters, and I just want you all to know that you belong to the best fraternity on this earth—and if you were in California you would say the same. Altho always happy to have been a Chi, I am prouder than ever to wear the lyre. Only five days after arriving, I had the pleasure of attending the monthly luncheon of Delta Delta Chapter. Here were twenty-five or more, all wearing the lyre, and when I came away I felt as though I had known them always. . . . Miss Siller and I were invited to join, so now I am active in the Los Angeles Alumnæ Chapter." Then follows a description of the various social functions in honor of our Grand President, Mrs. Loud, and the Grand Secretary, Miss Siller, accounts of which appear in another part of the LYRE. The next week Miss Siller and I were invited out to the fraternity house for the afternoon. They certainly have a fine chapter. They sang our new songs and when we came away, gave the yell. While there I noticed something unusual, but which is customary here, the other fraternity girls called and remained for refreshments; the different fraternities also exchange pictures and pennants for their houses." "And California! its the most beautiful place you can imagine and its like June all the time; its rightly called the "Land of Roses," for they are as thick as your snow is, just about now. One sees orange groves, hedges of roses, in fact all kinds of flowers: then with the mountains covered with snow for a background it makes a most beautiful sight. I plan to leave this city the last of March for San Francisco and Oakland, where I expect to meet 'Lucky' Drawn, then to Salt Lake City and

on to Colorado. I may visit our chapter at Boulder, then after a visit in Kansas, it is for all Albion, and will reach there in time for the reunion."

Within the next few weeks the chapters will receive many replies to the letters they have sent out, so that in the July number of the LYRE we plan to have appear more notes from the alumnæ. We also hope to have several longer articles in regard to the work of our prominent alumnæ.

Alpha and Beta Beta Chapter Banquet

The active girls and alumnæ of Alpha Chapter celebrated the centennial of Abraham Lincoln by holding their annual reception and banquet at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., the afternoon and evening of February 12th. The occasion was a happy one, and the place most appropriate, for it was at the old Bates House which stood where the Claypool now stands, that Lincoln made his now famous Indianapolis speech while on the way to Washington and the White House in February, 1861.

In the spacious parlors of the hotel fifty-eight loyal Alpha Chis gathered during the afternoon, spending the time from four to six o'clock in meeting old friends and renewing old acquaintances, and in becoming acquainted with some of the newer girls of the active chapter. There were twenty-one girls present from De Pauw, and of the thirty-six alumnæ two were charter members—Mrs. Bertha Deniston Cunningham of Indianapolis and Miss Estelle Leonard of Union City, Ind.

During the banquet Mrs. Helen Dalrymple Francis, president of Beta Beta Chapter, presided as toastmistress, and cleverly introduced each speaker.

The first toast was by Miss Mary Carter of Shelbyville, Ind., who chose for her subject the quotation from Twelfth Night, "Now, my good Cæsario, but that piece of song, that old antique song." Miss Edna Walters, from De Pauw, was the second speaker, taking her subject from Romeo and Juliet, "I will carry no crochets! I'll re you, I'll fa you; do you note me?" She was followed by Miss



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Sue Perine, now of Indianapolis, but an alumna of Beta Chapter, who used the quotation from Horace Walpole, "A careless song with a little nonsense in it." The subject assigned to Miss Vera Southwick, a freshman of De Pauw, was from *She Stoops to Conquer*, but the recent visitation of the goat of Alpha Chi was far more vivid in her memory than "They say that woman and music should never be dated," and she surprised the banquetors by toasting to that friend of all initiates. The last of the toasts was by Mrs. Joseph Taggart of Indianapolis, and her subject, "Come on, there is sixpence for you, lets have a song," from *Twelfth Night*, was well chosen, for immediately following all joined in singing the good old songs of Alpha Chi Omega.

The Alpha Chi yell was an appropriate ending to the happy evening, and each went her way with pleasant memories, and the vow to be present when the Alpha Chis gather again around the festive board.

National Pan-Hellenic Achievements in Seven Years

A. In the conference itself.

1. Increase in membership from seven to twelve fraternities.
2. Establishment of standard for a national college fraternity: "Not less than five college chapters and none in an institution below college rank."
3. Change of name from Intersorority Conference to National Pan-Hellenic.
4. Adoption of a working constitution insuring the permanency of the annual conferences.

B. In the national fraternity life.

1. Co-operation and frank discussion among national officers of the special problems in special colleges.
2. Exchange among fraternity officers of the journals of the woman's fraternities.

C. In the college fraternity life.

1. The abolishment of pledging among preparatory students, except at the University of Michigan, where, owing to peculiar local conditions, the national fraternity chapters there have been granted permission to pledge high school seniors only until September, 1909.
2. Formation of college Pan-Hellenics wherever two or more nationals are represented. These Pan-Hellenics consist of one alumna and one active member from every national fraternity represented in the college.
3. A pledge day in every college fixed by the college Pan-Hellenic association.
4. No part of the initiation ceremony to take place in public.
5. Universal discountenancing of "lifting."
6. Women's fraternities interested in general college activities and taking active steps in formation of women's leagues.

D. Important publications.

1. Reports of the annual conferences.
2. A model college Pan-Hellenic constitution.

3. A model women's league constitution.
4. Report on social customs in co-educational colleges in the United States.
5. Report on present conditions of Pan-Hellenics in the United States.
6. Two circulars for fraternity *alumnæ* setting forth the aims and purposes of the National Pan-Hellenic.

E. Incidental achievements.

1. Two meetings of fraternity delegates with the Conference of Deans of women, where a frank discussion of fraternity life in the college—its advantages and shortcomings—left with the fraternities many ideas for the improvement of fraternity life.
2. A great increase in trust and respect among rival fraternity chapters.

F. Present activities.

1. Organizing, in each university community, of resident *alumnæ* of all fraternities to study local problems and advise steps for their solution.
2. Efforts for later pledge day.
3. Definite university scholarship attainment among the qualifications for eligibility to fraternity membership.
4. Pan-Hellenic efforts to restrict the excessive social life of the fraternity women in its college. Also co-operation in the reduction of the elaborateness and expense of social functions.
5. More efforts toward securing the co-operation of fraternity *alumnæ* in dealing with fraternity problems.
6. Raising scholarship standards in fraternity chapters.
7. Increasing the dignity of the office of chapter-house chaperon and the securing of suitable women for these important positions.
8. Formation of a code of etiquette regarding dismissals, pledging, etc.

G. Conclusion.

The breadth of these present activities, touching all phases of college life, as contrasted with the avowed purpose of the 1902 (first)

conference to "discuss pledging and rushing, suggesting a set of by-laws for the amelioration of existing rushing conditions," is the best proof of the progressive usefulness and strength of this organization so characteristic of the very finest fraternity spirit. May the next seven years see even greater achievements and a constantly broadening field for influential co-operation for the improvement of women's fraternity life.

Announcements

Chapters are requested to bear in mind that their group plates should be sent to the editor the first week in June.

All communications relating to the MacDowell Memorial should be addressed to Mrs. Horace M. Kent, 82 W. 5th St., Bayonne, N. J.

Mrs. Ralph B. Dennis, 720 Clark St., Evanston, will receive all contributions to the Studio fund.

Zeta has started the movement towards owning a studio at Peterboro, by pledging the first \$35.

LYRE readers are again urged to notify the editor immediately upon any change of address.

The Topics for discussion sent in by the various chapters will receive attention in a future number of the LYRE.

Have you a copy of the New Song Book? Price, \$1.00, Postage prepaid. Send money order or draft to Mrs. Ralph B. Dennis, 720 Clark St., Evanston, Ill., Custodian of the Song Book.

College Pan-Hellenic Association Please Notice

Will the president of each college Pan-Hellenic please instruct the Secretary of the same to send to the secretary of the National Pan-Hellenic, L. P. Green, 15 East Ave., Ithaca, N. Y., a copy of your Pan-Hellenic contract for the college year 1909-10; also a copy of your Pan-Hellenic constitution and the name of the Pan-Hellenic Secretary for the next college year? These documents are needed in the work of the National Conference. Your co-operation in sending these, without the receipt of a letter direct, will be greatly appreciated.

The Hospitality of California Alpha Chis

The royal entertainment accorded Mrs. Loud and Miss Siller while spending the winter in Los Angeles and Pasadena, indicates that another quality than mercy is twice blessed. Certainly the quality of hospitality blesses him that gives and him that takes, bringing to each a wholesome cordiality of heart which, like all generous kindness, reacts to the mutual benefit of all.

The first instance of the warm welcome which greeted Mrs. Loud and Miss Siller, throughout their sojourn, was when every Alpha Chi in or near Los Angeles assembled at the home of Mrs. Cushman, on the 13th of February, to do first honor to the Grand President of A X Ω. It was a rare privilege and honor for Epsilon and Delta Delta, and that they realized this, speaks convincingly of the wholesome tone of their fraternity spirit.

Epsilon was then eager to present Mrs. Loud and Miss Siller to the members of the faculty and other fraternities, which they did shortly, at a reception, which they followed later by another for alumnae and active members and relatives only. Nor was this all. A banquet was also tendered, and Mrs. Loud urged to spend several days at the chapter house as Epsilon's private guest.

Delta Delta, eager to show their cordiality and appreciation, entertained with a large Pan-Hellenic reception at which Mrs. Loud and Miss Siller met the Los Angeles alumnae of other fraternities. Then followed luncheons by resident Alpha Chis, dinners, theater parties, picnic rides, teas, dances, afternoon affairs, features of which were visits to Paul de Longpres studio, trips over the balloon route, and many places of interest—and so on until the last moment of her stay, when Mrs. Loud was obliged to leave the state of sunshine and beautiful nature and the hearts so full of both. By the cordial, loving treatment of our Grand President and Grand Historian, Epsilon and Delta Delta have honored the entire fraternity and gained for themselves a warm place in the hearts of all Alpha Chis.



SCHOLARSHIP

IN connection with the article "The Chapter House and Its Effect on the Fraternity," which appears in this issue, we make a special request that it be read thoughtfully by every member, and that the chapters, both active and alumnæ, will thoroughly and systematically discuss the points as they are brought out both in the article and the symposium.

The difficulties which have arisen over chapter-house problems, the predominance of the social life in the fraternities, the indifference to the old ideals, and in fact all forms of internal and external trouble, we believe are directly traceable to the leniency allowed chapters in selecting their membership, and to the fact that we "fraternity people talk too much and do too little." In the first instance an early pledge day has long been countenanced, with its attendant harvest of weak material, in the delusive hope that affairs would somehow turn out all right and the fraternities be strong enough to magically transform weak qualities into strong, where a poor guess had been made. But great as the influence of good earnest upperclassmen in the chapter is, it cannot *make* character; that must be there to start with, and the only way to be sure of that is to establish a late pledge day in all institutions, with a good scholarship basis for membership. The reason of the necessity for the latter lies in the fact that earnestness of purpose, a proper balance of the values of life, are found in the good student, but rarely in the poor, and those qualities are the ones that fraternity members should possess. For it should always be borne in mind that no amount of natural "comaraderie" offsets the possession of deeper qualities, without which the fraternity ceases to be

something serious, except to a few members who cannot counteract the tendency of the majority, who quickly make the chapters a collection of college clubs, with results of indifference to its precepts, loss of prestige, constant friction, and a host of other troubles.

We are not pleading for a scholarship requirement which admits only the grind or the unusually brilliant student, but a basis which will be high enough to shut out those who come with the purpose of getting through with as little work as possible,—a state of mind which when transferred to the fraternity remains the same, accepting its benefits, but adding nothing except an increased reputation for low scholarship and a weak chapter.

In order to avoid the greatest number of mistakes and insure a *stable* chapter, we hope the time will soon come when Sophomore pledging is instituted and given a fair trial. The chapters would find its difficulties far less than anticipated, because the girls acquired through a saner system of rushing, would be the ones to remain throughout the four years, and the loss from broken courses would consequently be minimized, to say nothing of the gain made through consequent stability of adjustment, as the average girl who stays only a year or even two in the chapter has not sufficiently assimilated real fraternity nor had the experience to qualify her for chapter management or a conscientious alumna.

If a scholarship basis is fixed it will be an incentive to a freshman anxious to join a fraternity. The type to whom it does not appeal we do not want. Of course we do not mean that scholarship shall be the one and only criterion of selection, we mean rather that it shall be the *foundation* upon which the other tests are made. With increased honor through fraternity membership, would come increased respect and energy for the fraternity, and all along the line everything would be in better condition.

At Simpson College, a freshman, in order to be initiated, must show a standing of at least 85 per cent, and while that average may not be followed by all institutions, it is as Dr. Keller, Grand President of Pi Beta Phi, says, "A step in the right direction and one that should be rigidly enforced." On the same ruling, Mrs. Parmelee, Grand President of Delta Delta Delta, writes: "I only

wish that every college, or preferably—every fraternity, would adopt similar rulings. We should then have not only stronger active chapters, but a body of *alumnæ* not only ‘college bred’ but ‘fraternity bred,’ and I, for one, can rarely apply that term to the one-semester or one-year student. It is an absolute fact that the chapters having the highest percentage of graduation, can show the most loyal and interested group of *alumnæ* wherever found, and the intensive strength and development of those chapters are the strongest.” After strongly indorsing the 85 per cent requirement at Simpson, Mrs. Loud adds, “I do believe *heartily* in a required freshman scholarship before pledging, this required scholarship would mean stronger chapters—more four-year girls, a better representation in college life and activities, more uniformity in chapters and standards, and best of all, stronger *alumnæ* who would reflect credit on their chapter and fraternity.” To this end, let us *all*—Grand Officers, active members and *alumnæ*, *do* something—recognize and award scholarship, exert our influence in Pan-Hellenic and the chapters on the side of creating and maintaining a basis sufficiently high to bar the idler and the trifler from the fraternity. Let us actively remember our pledges.

“GET UP”

THE lad seemed to have plenty of ability but somehow he never seemed to *get* anywhere—he didn’t have any “get up.” Yes, that is just it, “Get Up.” But what does it mean? It means that besides ability and fidelity, there is, ambition, energy, alertness, and that the person possessing these qualities is going to make a success of whatever he undertakes. He never thinks of confining his labors to just what is specifically required of him, he is on the lookout for opportunities of service, alert for improvements, working vigorously for the welfare of the firm, the institution, the society, with which he is connected, and all the time he is rapidly forwarding his own advancement. He looks around him and sees someone who started with him, in a place below himself, thinking for a moment, “Well, that is queer; I always thought he was an especially bright fellow.” Then he suddenly remembers his friend’s tendency to procrastinate,

his indifference to authority, his lack of any wholesome, real interest,—yes, in fact he seemed to lack ambition, or else just energetic alertness. Later he is dropped, and the lad whose interests were the firm's interests, who gave unsparingly of his abilities, always on the alert, continues to rise, and the firm, if such it be, is recognized as one of the most successful in existence, composed as it is, from private office to workshop, of bright, capable, energetic, alert and willing individuals.

Herein lies an object lesson, upon which we hope the chapters will meditate to some effect. One means for maintaining a wide-awake, succesful chapter is to read fraternity literature. All the journals contain helpful suggestions and ideas which will be found very beneficial to chapter improvement, and as a beginning to this reading we would again humbly suggest that your own fraternity magazine be thoroughly read, not skipped over in a wild haste to see only the Chapter Letter and Personals, or perhaps a few other items which accidentally caught the eye in passing. That is just the spirit which never "gets anywhere" and holds the chapters down to a commonplace level. In the articles, chapter letters, editorials, and exchanges, we try to give experiences, ideas and suggestions, which will be beneficial to the individual, the chapter, and the fraternity, and it was a rude shock to find that some of these plans had not even been read, not to mention given a fair trial! For example, we will mention two of the very simple, practicable suggestions which were so treated. The chapter library and chapter calendar. To be sure, several chapters reported a start towards a library and a few as possessing some form of chapter calendar. But the majority have not even formulated any plan by which to secure such, and both of these suggestions are simple of execution and will add measurably to the good of the chapter. The library, which should be under the supervision of a chapter librarian, who would maintain a card catalogue, should include standard periodicals, and would contribute much to the homelike attractiveness of the chapter house, and certainly no efforts should be spared to create such an atmosphere and influence.

In Kappa Chapter each girl leaves her text books every year,

while Lambda on their second anniversary asked contributions from each active and alumna girl for the library. In Nu, every girl has given a volume. While still another means to add to this library is to ask each freshman and each senior on her departure to donate a volume.

The calendar was suggested and explained in the hope of introducing a more methodical management of chapter meeting and all chapter affairs, and better preparation. The various questions asked of us, relative to chapter programs, rushing, house management and the like, could also be answered by a careful reading of our own LYRE and other fraternity publications. Be truly and deeply interested in the work of the fraternity, eager to put your best into it and alert for suggestions relative to its betterment and you will make a success of your chapter that will be a source of pride and satisfaction to the fraternity, and by exercising the qualities which make for *its* success, you will be strengthening your own future.



Chapter letters for each issue will be due not later than the first of the month preceding the date of issue. At the beginning of each letter state the active membership, including all initiates since previous issue, with full names and home addresses; *also any changes of associate editors or corresponding secretaries.*

Personals and alumnae news to be written on a separate sheet. Typewrite copy if possible.

ALPHA

DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind.

There are so many things about which to write that it is hard to know which should come first. Just at present we Alpha girls are plunged in the usual "end of term" rush. The examinations are only about ten days off and they are hanging ominously over our heads, causing a general hum of student-ship and many closed doors all over the house.

Since the last letter, one of our girls, Ada M. Beeler, has given a Junior recital. We are all very proud of her, especially as she is doubling and will give her Senior recital also this year. The program for her Junior recital included the following numbers:

Concerto D minor.....	Mozart
Allegro, Romanze.	
Gigue, from French Suite V.....	Bach
Impromptu Op. 90, No. 2.....	Shubert
Etude No. 2.....	Kullak
Ballade	Rheinberger
Mazurka	Leschetizky
Polonaise	Chopin

We have a new chaperone this term, one who is a real house mother, and one whom we all love. Our reception for her on January 23, although simple, was entirely a success.

And now this letter must not proceed further before we tender to Beta our heartiest thanks for the work and thoughtful planning which made our banquet so delightful for us all. It was held February 12, the day of our State Oratorical in Indianapolis. Twenty-two of us went from Alpha and

together with the members of Beta Beta and the sisters from all over the state who joined us, there were about sixty all told. It must have appeared amusing and thoroughly mystifying to "outsiders" to watch us as we pounced upon each one of the dear "old girls" as she came up the stairs and carried her off for a good "talk fest." But the happiest time of all came when we sat around the big square table. It was like a convention banquet in miniature. The toasts we shall leave to Beta Beta to discuss, expressing only our appreciation of Mrs. Francis as toastmistress.

On the nights of February 20 and 22 we had our annual college carnival. The whole of staid old West College, the original Asbury University, was turned over for our use. Most of the attractions held forth in the gymnasium, but it was not large enough, so some of the shows went upstairs. Almost all the foolishness that student brain ever devised was represented there. A Blind Tiger for two whole nights eluded the faithful servants of the law (Betas); Fiji Islanders (Phi Gams) devoured unprotected missionaries; we all lost our breath and hair pins riding madly on the Phi Psi merry-go-round; and we lost our bearings fumbling in the mazes of the Deke's Twenty-third Regree; we ruined our eyes gazing at the Phi Delt's moving picture show, and those of us who were not financially embarrassed when we had seen these shows all lost our remaining cash at the other attractions.

We astonished the college world with a Shadowgraph by which we illustrated the new popular song: "The Moon Has His Eye on You," and roasted all the other fraternities. Of course, our show was the hit of the evening. The proceeds of the carnival go to swell the athletic fund, and this year more than \$350 increase was made in this way.

Our new president, Dr. Francis J. McConnell, is to be inaugurated soon. The exercises begin with University Service on Sunday, March 7, and close with the inaugural address on Wednesday, March 10. The program for the intervening days is as follows:

Monday, March 8—Inauguration Concert by the DePauw Glee Club.

Tuesday, March 9—Educational Symposium, 7:30 P. M., Governor Thos. Marshall, presiding, and addresses by State Superintendent R. J. Aley; Prof. Burris, University of Cincinnati; Prof. Borden P. Bowne, Boston University, and others.

Wednesday, March 10—10:00 A. M. Inauguration Ceremonies. Addresses by Bishop E. H. Hughes, President Herbert Welch of Ohio Wesleyan University, and President F. J. McConnell.

With very best wishes to all the chapters.

BETA

Albion College, Albion, Mich.

It seems scarcely possible that it is again time for the LYRE letter; yet a great deal has happened since the last one. We have pledged and initiated seven new girls, and Sister Jean Macdonald has returned to college this semester, thus making us fourteen in number. We are happy to introduce to you, as those "who've entered in the bond," Gussie Newcomer, of Monroe, Mich.; Harriet Armstrong, of Fenton, Mich.; Mabel Doty, Margera Moore, and Louise Metz, all of Albion; Mildred Moore, of Grand Rapids, and Eulalia Snyder, of Horton, Mich. Should we attempt to tell in detail the virtues of

this lovely group, time and space would fail, so we will sum all up by saying that they are true Alpha Chis.

February 12, our pledges entertained the actives at a six o'clock dinner at the Lodge. The decoration of the rooms suggested St. Valentine, and the table with its red hearts, tiny red candles, smilax and dainty cupid place-cards caused a general murmur of delight as we walked in to take our places around it. Now that initiation is over, and also a series of college functions, we are planning various social affairs, one of which will be a "mother's party" for the A X mothers who stand by us so loyally, even to lending their best silver and table linen for parties.

Albion has a new literary society, organized by the girls of K A Θ. The name is Σ Θ, the same as that which the chapter had before its charter was granted in 1887. Σ Θ is well-started and has our best wishes for success.

The college functions of late have been numerous. The annual Country Fair, held on the 13th of February, was still "better than any former Country Fair." The "hayseeds" had longer chin whiskers, the cowboys and Indians were more wild and terrible, the booths were more beautiful, and the side-shows more enticing than ever before. A very popular sid-show was the "high-class vaudeville" run by the A X's at one end of the gymnasium, in opposition to one at the opposite end.

Another enjoyable evening in the gymnasium was spent on February 20, when the old room wore red, white and blue, and the girls of Σ Θ, arrayed as charming colonial dames, entertained the college in honor of George Washington.

Then followed the Mock Congress, held in the chapel on the afternoon of Washington's birthday.

The big social event of the year, the second annual banquet of Albion College, was held February 26. The yells, songs and stunts displayed no lack of class spirit. We Alpha Chis were very proud when Sister Florence Fall opened the toast program that evening. All the toasts were exceedingly good, and when the evening was over, with "Io Triumphe" ringing in our ears, we went home deeply satisfied.

The L. L. A. lecture course has had three more numbers: Mrs. Florence Maybrick, who told of her twenty years in an English prison; Rev. Robert Van Kirk, who gave Browning's "A Blot on the 'Scutcheon,'" and the concert by the Albion Conservatory, which was a splendid success.

Chapel exercises are being made interesting by the observing of the anniversaries of great men. Those of Poe, Darwin, Milton, and Lincoln have been observed by speeches and readings by faculty members, while on February 3, the one hundredth anniversary of Mendelssohn, part of the St. Cecilia Club rendered the trio from "Elijah."

An addition of 2,600 volumes has been made to the college library recently.

During the first week in February, a campaign "to boom Albion" was carried on throughout the state. Members of the faculty, President Dickie, and other prominent men made speeches in several of the larger cities. The object of this effort, as stated in chapel by President Dickie, is to "double the enrollment, equipment, and endowment in the next five years."

And in the meantime ordinary college activities have been going on. A dual debate is to be held with DePauw; the teams have been picked and are hard at work, and there is promise of a close fight and some excitement.

The State Oratorical Contest occurs at Kalamazoo, March 5, and will be attended by one or two special cars full of Albion supporters. March 20 occurs the indoor track meet with Ypsilanti, for which the men have been training faithfully.

We expect great things of Albion in athletics this spring. The report is, that the track team will be unusually strong, judging from the material, and seven of the old men are back as a starter for the baseball team. We are hoping to have another A X college tennis team this spring.

Beta sends best wishes to her sister chapters.

GAMMA

Northwestern University. Evanston, Ill.

Examinations are over at last, and we Alpha Chis are particularly pleased with the results.

Lucile Morgan and Palma Gross were initiated on the evening of February 26, together with Janet Wilson, who entered the Oratory School the second semester, after spending two years at Carrol College, Waukesha, Wis. We were glad to have Bertha Walters, of Iota, with us that evening, and also at the January informal, for which the Freshmen presented the chapter with a mammoth A X Ω pennant. Gamma has twelve members in the entering class this year, and they, with out three "semi-actives," Besse Rundall, Hedwig Brennehan, and Mae Smith, and the "old girls," form a chapter of twenty-five, which is unusually large for a Northwestern fraternity, although A Θ had twenty-seven active girls last year.

Much interest has been shown within the past six weeks in the reorganization of Pan-Hellenics; for President Harris has declared himself manifestly in favor of fraternity houses, and all of us realize that the fraternities must act together there. The question has been more agitated here this year than at any time since the houses were first forbidden, and even the most skeptic of our alumnae are encouraged.

Our alumna advisor, Mrs. Ralph Dennis, is often with us on Monday evenings, and at her instigation we had a "Convention Examination" Tuesday night at Helen Baird's, and spent the rest of the evening in practicing the new songs. We're going to have a "Lyre" evening very soon, at which every member is to read the article she has written for the Quarterly, and discuss the suggestions we might make use of in our own chapter.

But speaking of music! Our Glee Club is just back from what seems to have been a triumphal march through western Illinois and Iowa, and although some were fortunate enough to attend the concert the club gave its friends before the tour, most of us are anxiously awaiting the Evanston concert. It has been delayed by the building commissioner's condemning the First Methodist Church, the largest auditorium in town, as unsafe, and the building is closed for repairs. The alterations were written up in such a sensational way in the Chicago papers that many of the girls received frantic notes from home asking them to attend services elsewhere.

There is much interest felt upon the campus in the great musical festival which is to occur here in June on the huge indoor baseball field of the new university gymnasium. The festival is to include five hundred adult and one thousand children's voices; the Thomas orchestra, which will give five concerts in three days, and Madame Schumann-Heink will sing three times. The program is still uncertain, but Mendelssohn's "Elijah" and a children's cantata will be sung. The festival is being promoted by the North Shore Musical Association of Ravenswood, Evanston, Wilmette and Glencoe, and other neighboring towns, with Dean Peter C. Lutkin, of the School of Music, as musical director.

Alpha Chi is represented by Alice Watson in the A Capella Choir, this year, as well as by Hedwig Brenneman and Mae Smith. The choir recently sang on the same program with President Eliot, of Harvard, at Orchestra Hall, Chicago, before the Northwestern Alumni Association at the Fine Arts building, and later in the month before the Religious Educational convention at Orchestra Hall the convention which elected Professor George A. Coe, head of the university psychology department, as its new president. Mrs. Coe, who died a few years ago, was one of Alpha Chi's best loved associate members.

Several of the girls sang at, and many attended, the concert given by the Evanston Musical Club on February 18. The club sang a part of Bach's Christmas Oratorio, and Brahms's Requiem Mass, with Thomas Orchestra accompaniment, and with Gwendolyn Miles and Mrs. Tewksbury as soloists. The following evening Mr. Miles gave a song recital at the music school.

The formal party season was opened by the Σ N annual, and the five fraternity "prom," at which twelve of our girls were present. During March, the fraternity formals come in quick succession, with the sorority formals later in the spring.

With spring, too, the university is looking forward to the baseball season, which the undergraduates hope will result more successfully for Northwestern than the basketball season has.

During the past two weeks, Mrs. Webster has been visiting Winifred, and the chapter gave a spread for her last Sunday evening at Chapin Hall. She was with us also a week ago at a dinner at Etta Brother's home in Chicago.

Washington's Birthday, the girls of the Oratory School entertained the Woman's League at Willard Hall. Winifred Webster was one of the three girls who read early in the evening; later, one of the K A Θ girls presented Mrs. Jarley's wax works, complete—from George and Martha Washington through Mrs. Winslow (of soothing syrup fame) and Carrie Nation up to Theodore Roosevelt and the tiger he is to shoot, and the evening closed with refreshments and dancing. It was the first opportunity that our Freshmen had to meet all of the women of the university, and the affair was voted a great success.

An epidemic of sleigh rides has attacked the college, and both class and private parties are being given. The Seniors began it, but the Juniors followed suit a few evenings later, and gave an oyster supper at the "Wrangler" Club House after the ride.

Our fraternity meetings have been unusually interesting since Christmas, and we all feel that the convention has brought an added zest into our college life.

DELTA

Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.

It is indeed difficult to realize that almost two months of the new year have already passed and that the time for the spring vacation, which begins March 26, is so rapidly approaching. The last week in January was one to be remembered by the students for its strenuous work, because of the inter-semester examinations which occurred at that time, and the short vacation which came before the opening of the new term was indeed gratefully received by both faculty and students. The first three weeks of the new semester have,

however, in their turn been far from inactive ones, and have had crowded in upon them more than the usual amount of college activities.

The annual address for the day of prayer for colleges was delivered in Ford Memorial Chapel by Robert G. Freeman, pastor of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church of Buffalo. Mr. Freeman is one of Allegheny's young alumni, and his rare oratorical ability has already given him a place among the successful orators of to-day. Among the other lectures of interest was the talk in behalf of missions given by Rev. Wilber Swearer of Korea, January 13.

Friday, February 12, was the date chosen for the celebration of our local chapter installation of Alpha Chi Omega, and was in the form of a birthday party for the benefit of our rooms. Several of our town alumnæ were present and a number of beautiful gifts were left as pleasant reminders of the occasion. Among others, was an elegant mahogany desk, presented by the six Freshman girls, which adds much to the attractiveness of our rooms. A musical program and refreshments served to increase the enjoyment of the evening.

A linen shower was given at the home of Florence Moore on Grove street, Meadville, Saturday, February 13, for her sister, Miss Ethel Moore, at which all the active chapter of Alpha Chi was present, with a few other invited guests. Much amusement was afforded by the reading of verses, which accompanied many of the gifts, and the afternoon was very pleasantly spent.

Surpassing the highest expectation both of the entertainers and the entertained, the Valentine party given at Hulings Hall, February 13, for the benefit of the Y. W. C. A., has become a pleasant memory in the minds of the large number of guests. The plans of entertainment, the decorations of the various points of interest, and the costumes of those in charge were not only elaborate but clever.

The point of highest interest was the "high-class theatorium" with its living moving pictures and its songs, while the Chinese restaurant was next in order. Here chop suey and tea were served by waitresses in costume, with real chop sticks as the only implements furnished. An imitation book store with its motto "Double the Price," a registrar office, and candy booth were other interesting features, and the whole affair was one of the most successful events of the year.

Probably the most noteworthy event of the whole college year, however, took place in the college gymnasium, Monday evening, February 22, under the name of the Washington Birthday Banquet. This is the first occasion of the year at which the Seniors appear in their caps and gowns and where the underclassmen contest for supremacy in class "stunts" and costumes. The entire evening was spent in banqueting, singing of class and college songs, the yelling of college yells, and in listening to many excellent toasts from the various classes. Alpha Chis were to be represented on the toast list by Clara Wheeling, but on account of her illness, Miss Mary Greene responded to the toast, "Tonight," in behalf of the Senior class, in a very happy manner.

The Juniors were garbed in white caps and gowns with red tassels, thus displaying their class colors, the Sophomores in their costumes of the national colors of red, white and blue, and the Freshmen were in their appropriate costumes of Western cowboys and girls, adding much to the brilliancy of the scene. Many noted alumni were present, and the evening will long be remembered as a joyous and festive occasion.

The section convention of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ was held at Allegheny College the last week in February under the auspices of the local chapter. Representatives from the four colleges, Washington and Jefferson, Wooster, Western Reserve, and Allegheny were present.

A number of the college students and members of the faculty enjoyed the production of "Julius Cæsar," as it was presented by Ben Green players at the Academy of Music, Thursday evening, February 18.

Delta sends greetings to all her sister chapters.

EPSILON

University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

The year of 1909, even though it is still in its youth, has been a very eventful one for Epsilon, for lately many things have happened to us which will always stand out as landmarks in the history of our chapter. In the first place, on January 4, we moved into our chapter house, the first one we have ever had, and although we have but three girls and our house mother to stay there all the time, yet we are delighted at being able to make a start in the right direction. It is a cozy eight-room house, very conveniently located, just across the street from the campus, and many are the jolly times we have already enjoyed there. At present the girls who are staying at the house are Katherine Asher, Minnie Palette, a pledge, and Olive La Clair, with her mother, Mrs. La Clair, as house-mother.

We had been in the house but two weeks when we heard that Miss Siller was in Pasadena, Cal., for the winter. As Pasadena is very near Los Angeles, some of the girls immediately went to call and invited Miss Siller over to an afternoon tea at the house. There a pleasant afternoon was spent in getting well acquainted with Miss Siller and Miss Granger, who had recently arrived in Los Angeles from Albion, Mich.

Shortly after we had moved into our house, the Entre Nous Sorority, the only other sorority which was in a chapter house at that time, invited all the A X girls for an informal evening at their "Lodge." After thoroughly enjoying a round of games and dancing, we were presented with a handsome Entre Nous pillow for our new home, and departed with the good feeling already existing between the chapters greatly strengthened.

A crowd of about twenty of the most talented young men of the university early in the year organized themselves into what they called the U. S. C. B. C. C., or the U. S. C. Burnt Cork Comedy Club, and set about the preparation of a minstrel show to be given in the University Chapel. As it was under the direction of Prof. Schulz, who always makes things go, everyone felt that it would be a success, and the tickets went like hot-cakes. We had expected as much, and were on hand the first thing with an order for twenty-four reserved seats for the A X girls, and thus were able to secure three rows together. Then we began to plan upon having a house-party of girls for the night and decided to have a "spread" ready when we should return. Enlarging upon this idea, we decided to invite the Entre Nous girls and the boys of the Burnt Cork Club over to the house for a spread after the performance. The program proved a great success and was full of local jokes and hits. One of the most popular stunts of the evening to those who had not been caught in the act, was the reproduction on a large screen, by means of a stereopticon, of various snap-shots of the different "queeners" which had been taken around the varsity halls and campus. These served as illustrations to songs which had been composed for the purpose. After it was over, there was a merry crowd of girls assembled at the A X house waiting for the boys to remove paint enough to be presentable. After the merry and welcome repast, when they had all written something appropriate to the occasion in the

guest-book, and some songs had been enjoyed, they went home declaring that the spread had been "just the thing."

Among the important events of the year comes last, but not least, the arrival of Mrs. Loud. Mrs. Cushman had asked all of the A X's several weeks before to save the 13th of February, as she wanted us all on that day to come to her house for luncheon, to meet Mrs. Loud. So on that day nearly every Alpha Chi in the city and for miles around was present. It was great! We all fell in love with Mrs. Loud and it was with a great deal of pride that the active girls issued invitations to all the faculty members and fraternity people of the university to a reception in honor of their Grand President. The reception was held at the chapter-house, which was decorated for the occasion in red carnations and trailing smilax. Pleasant music was furnished by several of our members.

During her visit in Los Angeles, Mrs. Loud is planning to stay several days with us at the chapter-house, and we shall derive a great deal of pleasure from her company as well as benefit from her advice.

ZETA

New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass.

Zeta's mid-year rushing has just closed, and we now have two new Alpha Chis. After the initiation ceremony, we had a spread in Frost Hall, where a number of the chapter live. Our matron, Miss Wheelock, was present.

The event of the year in Conservatory life, the costume carnival, held in Symphony Hall, took place January 26. About a thousand people were present, all taking part in the grand march, and the colored lights thrown on the many different costumes, made a dazzling and brilliant sight. Both balconies were filled with spectators, many of whom stayed throughout the evening. Before the regular dancing began, special dances were given, one of them by Miss Lillian Goulston, a Zeta girl. Another feature was a minuet, the participants being chosen from the Phi Mu Gamma, the Sinfonia, and the Alpha Chi fraternities.

A bazaar, in aid of the Conservatory scholarship fund, was given recently by the Phi Mu Gamma girls. It was followed by a dance in the evening, and was a great success, both financially and socially.

Mrs. Ferguson, matron of Gardiner Hall, entertained the Junior class, and the evening passed pleasantly with games and dancing.

The Senior class has been giving a series of dances this year in Recital Hall. Monday night the hall was filled, the occasion being a Valentine dance. The hall was decorated with large red cupids, and a profusion of banners. Two novelty dances were given, a moonlight dance and "affinity." The latter proved the most popular, and there were favors, in each instance cupids fastened on the arms of the favored one with a band of red ribbon.

Mlle. Germaine Arnaud, the noted young French pianist, gave a recital recently, complimentary to the Conservatory students. She was entertained by Alpha chapter of Sinfonia fraternity in their spacious rooms.

One of our associate members, Pauline Woltmann, now Mrs. F. Brandt, of Boise, Idaho, paid a visit to old friends at the Conservatory, where she taught for some years. A tea was given for her in Frost Hall, a few Alpha Chis and the faculty of the Conservatory being present.

Mrs. H. H. A. Beach, assisted by Carl Faeltén, gave a piano recital re-

cently in Steinert Hall. Her program was very interesting, and the audience which crowded the hall was most enthusiastic, recalling the pianist many times.

The Adamowski Trio gave a concert in aid of the Chopin monument fund, which came up to the usual high standard of these excellent musicians.

THETA

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

The last three months have been unusually busy and enjoyable ones to Theta. We have had several receptions and teas given us by the patronesses and older girls and at all of these, we have had the great pleasure of meeting again visiting Alpha Chis.

Frances Joyce, of Ogden, Utah, has been visiting us for the past two weeks, and Florence Clemens has been with us a week before going west to be married.

We regret that two of our girls have had to leave us; Anne Hang on account of illness, and Josephine Gerow because of her approaching marriage. We have had a very dainty announcement luncheon for Miss Gerow, and a kitchen shower for Miss Clemens.

Maud Staeger, one of our Juniors, has gone to Mexico, where she will teach music and English in two private families. We are looking forward, however, to welcoming her back again next fall.

Several of our girls have received honors on the campus this year. Edith Leonard was elected secretary of the Senior class of the Literary department, and Fleeta Lamb, Jane Harris, and Nell Merrill have been asked to join Teutonia, an honorary German society, while Irene Connell has joined the Deutscher Verein, the honorary Senior German society. Then, too, several of the girls have received parts in the various plays to be produced this year on the campus.

We regret exceedingly to announce the resignation of our beloved President Angell. He will, however, continue his connection with the university as chacefflor, we are happy to add.

We are again busy looking for girls entered in the second semester. We have had several successful rushing parties and look forward to pledging some new girls.

The end of the year will see Theta installed in her own home. Our efforts this year have been more fruitful than hitherto and we shall be much more comfortably situated next year.

Theta extends best wishes to her sister chapters and hopes for a successful year to all.

IOTA

University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.

To speak of Christmas trees may seem a long journey into the past, but Iota's celebration just before the holidays was rather different from that of former years and seems unusually noteworthy. In the first place, at the invitation of Blanche Breckenridge, the tree was at her home instead of at the chapter house. The presents—none of which cost more than ten cents—were in the nature of "roasts" and created much excitement as the bundles were opened one at a time and each girl was required to read out loud the accom-

panying "poetry." The last package was addressed to Gladys Breckenridge and the climax was reached when she calmly took from the small box a Sigma Nu pin and placed it below her Alpha Chi "Lyre"—thus announcing her engagement to Earl D. Finch, Illinois, '08, a member of that fraternity. Everyone sat speechless for a second or two, and then as the truth began to penetrate, the entire chapter started toward their smiling sister and the evening ended in great hilarity.

After the holidays, the university at large devoted itself to rather strenuous studying in preparation for the examinations which began the last of January. The Post-Exam Jubilee was held February 8 in the Auditorium, which was filled to overflowing. A program consisting of eight "stunts" was given by various men's organizations of the university.

This is the season of "Annuals"—most of the fraternities have a formal annual dance during the first of the second semester. The Sophomore Cotillion, which was very largely attended, was held February 5, and the military Ball, an annual formal dance given by the Military department, came February 19. The Alpha Chi annual this year is to be an informal dance April 16.

Iota is very fortunate in being able to announce three pledges of whom she is justly proud—Lora Withers, of Lexington, Ill.; Irene Mull, of Pana, Ill.; and Ida Mack, of Chicago.

Great consternation has been caused—not only in the university but in Champaign and Urbana as well—by the resignation of Prof. L. P. Breckenridge, to take effect September 1, 1909. It is hard to imagine the university without Prof. Breckenridge, and it is with great difficulty that we try to reconcile ourselves to seeing him go to Yale, where he will be professor of Mechanical Engineering at the Sheffield Scientific School, his alma mater. Iota feels herself particularly aggrieved, since his going takes from the chapter three of her strongest girls—Blanche, Gladys, and Hardy Breckenridge.

The Centenary of Lincoln's birth was celebrated by a series of lectures, given through the week by members of the faculty, showing different phases of Lincoln's life and character. These culminated with a convocation in the Auditorium, February 12. A collection of Lincolniana was also on exhibition in the library.

On February 13, Dean and Mrs. W. F. M. Goss gave an informal supper for local members of Alpha Chi Omega and Alpha Tau Omega.

Mrs. E. J. Townsend, a member of Beta, and a very firm friend of Iota, entertained the chapter at a picnic supper at her home, February 22.

The School of Music arranged this winter for three very fine artists' recitals, the first of the series being a concert by the Olive Mead String Quartette; the second, a piano recital by Augusta Cottlow; and the third, a violin recital by Arthur Hartmann, with Alfred Calzin as pianist. During the week beginning February 15, Prof. George E. Woodbury, formerly professor of English at Columbia University, gave a series of lectures on famous literary men.

The Players' Club, made up of faculty members, on February 23 and 24, presented "The Honeymoon," an eighteenth century play in five acts by John Tobin. Both performances were very enthusiastically received, as the parts were exceptionally well taken and the "time and place," Madrid, allowed of picturesque costuming.

On February 24 and 25, the university was visited by a delegation of members of the state legislature, who came to ascertain the needs of the university with reference to the \$3,000,000 appropriation which has been asked for. Although the time was short, it was made good use of—an inspection of the university buildings and a review of the regimental corps was followed by an

immense convocation at the Auditorium, and later by a luncheon for the visitors in the Woman's building.

Iota sends greetings and best wishes to her sister chapters.

KAPPA

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.

The examinations have come and gone, and the spring term at Wisconsin is well started. Since our last letter, we have two new pledges, Hazel Peterson and Mabel Borgan, of Rice Lake, Wisconsin. They are both charming, and girls of whom we may well be proud. On January 25, we initiated Gladys Sutherland, Madison; Nellie Brundage, New York; and Verna Tyler, Yankton, South Dakota.

The annual Wisconsin Prom took place this year on February 19. Alpha Chi was well represented at the event, and the girls all report the finest of times.

Because of the increasing number of women students at the university this year, it has been necessary to build a new women's building. It is a large structure of yellow sandstone, and is four stories high. The greater part of the second floor of this building is taken up by a gymnasium much larger than that of Chadbourne Hall, which is the one in use at the present time. The floor is large enough to accommodate three classes at once, and there are twice as many dressing rooms and showers as we have at present. There is also a swimming tank, to be used in connection with the other gymnasium work. The other parts of the building are taken up with offices for the Dean of Women and the chaperons; with parlors, writing and lunch rooms, and with rooms for the societies of the university, such as debating clubs and the Self-Government Association. Besides these, there is a concert room with a seating capacity of about five hundred. When this building is completed, there will be ample room for all gymnasium work and social functions.

We have been fortunate this winter in hearing some very good recitals by such men as William S. Sherwood and Hugo Heerman. The Flonzaley Quartet also gave a concert in February.

At student convocation last week, we had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Raymond Robins, of Chicago, the noted sociologist, who spoke to us on the problem of Organized Labor. Ex-Governor Folk and Jacob Riis are also noted men who have spoken before university audiences of late.

Inter-sorority bowling is to begin next week, for which we are very anxious, as we have some hopes of winning the cup this year. K K Γ won last year, with Alpha Chi third. Marge H'Doubler is president of the league.

The inter-class games of the girls' basketball teams are in full sway. We have two girls on the teams this year, Marge H'Doubler on the Junior and Pattie Allen on the Freshman.

Kappa has not been very active in the social line lately, examinations having taken up too much of our time. We are to give an informal dance on the 13th of March, however, and expect a good time.

THE LYRE

LAMBDA

Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

It scarcely seems possible that the college year is half over, yet here we are, with mid-year examinations safely over, well started on the second semester work—and rushing. For this we have encouragement in the shape of Harriet Snell, of Iliou, N. Y., whom we pledged some time ago, and whom we hope soon to make one of us.

On December 18 we celebrated Lambda's third birthday by producing an operetta. The words were written for the occasion to Alpha Chi music by Ethel McCoy and Jane Wood. Helen Cunningham, the originator of the plot, led the orchestra. The appreciative audience followed the varying fortunes of the hero, Chialgo; the heroine, Lambdacolia; the villain Hartus Ceham; the witch, Alumna-alice; and the goat, until the final death of the villain, poisoned by apple pie, and the joyful betrothal of the happy pair. The parts were taken by the following people:

Heroine	Ina Weyrauch
Hero	Harriet Snell
Villain	Myra oJnes
Witch	Greta Gyer
Goat	Grace Griffith
Orchestra	Frances Waldo

Chorus: Misses Lee, Harlow, Crowell, Griffith, Moody, Kaufhold, Young, Hutchins, Stebbins, and Wheelock.

That day we started our chapter library and now have a seven-volume set of George Eliot, Tennyson's and Browning's poems, "Vanity Fair," and Richard Harding Davis' "The Lion and the Unicorn." We are planning to make additions right along and soon hope to have a fine collection.

"Senior Week" this year was unusually gay. On Monday evening Boar's Head, the dramatic society, presented "The Magistrate" at the Wieting Theater, as their annual play. Wednesday evening, the University Glee Club gave a concert. Thursday evening, the Senior ball was given by Tau Theta Upsilon, the senior society, in the new gymnasium. The other nights of the week were filled by the different fraternity dances. At all of these functions Alpha Chi was well represented.

How much we are enjoying our new song books! Frequently after chapter meeting we have singing-school. Frances Waldo, '08, who has registered for a course in the university again this year, is our leader in learning all the new songs and keeping in practice on the old ones.

This last week we have been especially favored. Dr. Buckeley, editor of the "Christian Advocate," has made several addresses, and Miss Paxton, secretary of the Student Volunteer Band, has addressed the young women of the university on subjects connected with her work. Also, on Tuesday evening she gave a talk on inter-sorority affairs before the girls of the various fraternities.

This last year a woman's league has been organized and is doing splendid work in co-operation with the Y. W. C. A.

Lambda sends love and best wishes to all her sisters in Alpha Chi.

MU

Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.

Mu has at present an active membership of fifteen, with two new pledges. The winter has passed by quickly, as it always does for busy school girls.

The last event of 1908 for Mu was a Christmas party where six Alpha Chis entertained eleven of our girl friends. Everybody entered with enthusiasm into an amusing impromptu program which included a boxing match, laughing and talking contests, a limerick recital, and a solo whistled to French harp accompaniment. Doors were then opened which revealed a real Alpha Chi Christmas tree glistening in candle light. Refreshments took the form of treats from the tree. Besides toys which furnished fun each girl received an A X Ω pennant.

The holidays found four of our alumnae in Indianola again. One of the merriest meetings of the year was when these girls met with the members left in town for a reunion at the home of the Watson girls. Our alumnae are still few in number but they always bring us inspiration and encouragement when they come back to us.

The principal social event in which our chapter has been interested this semester was a banquet which we gave February 8, at the home of Effie Silliman. The guests were ten new college girls, our patroness Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Silliman, and Mable Fett and Emma Brown, who came from their homes in Clearfield and Shelby. They gave us a delightful surprise, since only two of the girls knew they were coming. The banquet was a great success, with its usual Alpha Chi decorations, an elaborate menu and an interesting program, over which Nellie Harris presided as toast mistress. First came the welcome song by the fraternity girls. The program was as follows:

"Such a Funny Feeling".....	Fern Ogg
The Song of the Lyre.	
"The Convocation".....	Myrtle Schimelfenig
"In Dear Old Alpha Chi".....	Ethyl MacFadon
"Hollyberry and Mistletoe".....	Alice Barrows
Toast Song.	
College Song—"Red and Gold."	

Two new girls, Carrie McBride and Mary Ogg, were pledged February 13 at 5 o'clock. After the pledging the girls all went down town for a dinner together. The chapter then attended the basketball game in a body. We now have two Carrie McBrides in our chapter and that evening they played together as centers on the Music team.

Among the good things given us by the Conservatory this year was the cantata, "The Swan and the Skylark," which Prof. Henderson and his pupils presented February 10. We were proud of the work of Ethyl MacFadon as soprano soloist.

The Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. lecture course brought us Katherine Ridgeway in one of her inimitable entertainments. The Alpha Chis entertained in her honor and that of Evangeline Bridge (Z), who accompanied her, and whom we were delighted to welcome.

NU

University of Colorado, Boulder, Col.

Mid-semester examinations are over, and we are glad to have the worry off our minds for another four months.

Junior week was a gay one, with its houseparties, drives and mountain climbs. The banquet this year was held at Boulder's new hotel, "The Boulderado." The "Prom" took place in Sternberger's Hall as usual.

On Friday, February 19, the Sophomores gave their "German." Many novel favors were given out, such as little Dutch shoes, carnations, cherries, small hatchets and other appropriate favors.

On the last Sunday in January Mr. Wilcox, the talented vocalist, came up from Denver and he and Professor Chadwick, musical instructor in the University, gave a sacred concert in the chapel. University students and town-people turned out in large numbers.

The University Dramatic Club gave their annual play on the night of Washington's birthday. They presented in a very thrilling manner the moral play, "The Truth." Curran Opera House was packed notwithstanding that a heavy snow had been falling all day. Colorado has experienced a "real" winter this year. More snow has fallen than in twenty-five years.

The foundation for the new law building is being laid. Senator Guggenheim's gift is greatly appreciated, for the University buildings are overcrowded and more class-rooms are needed.

Alpha Chi had a dinner-party one evening just for members, and several other informal affairs the past few weeks.

One Saturday afternoon one of our town-members invited all the girls in the chapter to a "Kensington." It was a nice change from our usual entertainments.

 XI

University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.

Xi girls celebrated one of the great occasions of the year on January 15 by giving their first formal party. As it was our first party we were very anxious to have it made known in university circles that we could cope socially with the older fraternities. We extended invitations to one hundred guests—representatives from the other fraternities, as well as personal friends. In the receiving line were our patronesses—Mrs. Honeywell, Gole and Condra; Mrs. Gov. George L. Sheldon, Miss David, Mrs. Billemeyer, Mrs. Professor Kimball, Mrs. L. S. Helms, and Mrs. Barkley, Dean of Women. Miss Bardwell introduced the guests. From the program of twenty dances two were reserved; during that interval a three-course luncheon was served. The rotunda of the "Lincoln" was decorated in our colors. The pillars were twined with green leaves, a banner of red with a golden lyre was suspended from the ceiling, while between the pillars were hung red banners with gold letters A X Ω, making the effect very harmonious. The programs were of green leather with a gold lyre embossed upon them, fastened by a long red silk cord. Ice was served during the evening. It was said to have been one of the prettiest parties of the year.

On the evening of January 16th, 1909, twenty-eight girls assembled at the "Lincoln" for our second annual banquet. We charter members could not help

but contrast this banquet with that one of a year ago, when eleven girls took the oath of allegiance to Alpha Chi. The table was in the form of a letter T and was decorated with scarlet carnations and smilax. The place cards were the work of Nell Whitmore, Beulah Jennings and Maude Thomas. After a seven-course banquet Miss Bardwell as toastmistress called for the following toasts and her witty and original way of introducing the toasts was one of the features of the evening:

"Our New Possessions".....Elsie Prewit
 "Dawning of the Red and Olive".....Grace Holman
 "The Alpha Chi Goat".....Marion Whitmore
 "Our Golden Lyre".....Clara Smith
 "Renewing Our Pledge".....Vera A. Upton

This was a unique feature of the evening; at a given signal the lights were turned low, Miss Macfarlane quietly took her place at the piano and Miss Upton sang the old English ballad, "Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes," followed by "Tis the Last Rose of Summer."

Who Shall Be Our Future Alpha Chis".....Florence Davis
 "Past, Present and Future Tense of Greek".....Alice Leshner

This was particularly interesting to the charter members, as she briefly sketched our history. The following toast was given:

A CONJUGATION OF XI

PAST TENSE

Just one little year ago the first of last September, school had commenced and with it, the renewing of happy friendships. Twelve girls were planning their work for the year and bright futures, almost unconscious of each other's existence, and the newness of friendships which they needed and sought. Some knew each other slightly, some not at all, but all were working unconsciously toward the same aim.

To these busy toilers there came one day, two fairy ladies to work their charm. They called together a few girls who seemed especially worthy in their work and personality, and opened up for them the path to the broadest of friendships. These few selected others until the twelve were all brought together. Then just before their initial entrance into the bonds of happiness, one little sister was called home and so only eleven took their vows on Thanksgiving evening of nineteen hundred and seven. All new to each other and inexperienced in the adjustment to circumstances, they started to work. At times it was hard to live up to the requirements; it seemed almost too hard for the amount of happiness required; and sometimes even the divine harmony of sisterhood was almost lost. But each time there was someone able to pick up the lost chord, and, so the eleven worked on together. In the meantime to aid them, and to share their happiness, they called eleven others, who were to act as the root or stem for the

PRESENT TENSE

There were just nineteen of them to start, some great and some small,
 Some dark and some fair, a few very short and some decidedly tall.
 Some of them loved music and others just art,
 Some had lots of brains and all plenty of heart;
 Some of them got married and two went away,
 While others were wiser and are right here to stay.

Some are very popular and don't care much for books,
Others delight in study and seek the quiet nooks;
Some of them have straight hair and others very curly,
Some of them stay up late and some arise quite early.

But all of them are workers and none of them ever sluff,
They are all right there on time and made of the proper stuff;
And whatsoever their faults, be they great or very small,
The "Present" will come out on top, so, we needn't worry at all.

FUTURE TENSE

The one tense of which we never feel quite sure in any language. In the first place there are our pledges; they are the chapters future. Let us choose them wisely and help them to raise our fraternity one step nearer her ideal. For all of us, those of the past and those of the present, the future holds more than we know. Some will have success in one line, some in another and all will have happiness. The bond we have formed here in our fraternity days is one we never can break. Each year it should mean more to us, and we should feel more and more the results of our sacrifices and contact with each other, and know how much it has broadened and helped us. In spite of all our difficulties and misunderstandings, we find we have really loved each other and in the discovery of this love we find the true happiness and future of our girls.

Alice Elizabeth Leshner, '08.

"Can College Days Ere Be Forgot?".....May Bardwell

The movement of College Equal Suffrage has progressed rapidly in the University of Nebraska. Organized only last year it now has a membership of nearly thirty or forty. Miss Grace Bryan, the daughter of W. J. Bryan, is one of the newly elected members.

The local organization felt itself quite honored last week when Miss Exon, a K K Γ from Barnard, and a prominent Suffragette from England came to Lincoln for a short stay in the interest of their cause.

The club here, with some of the members of the city organization, gave a seven-course luncheon in the "ordinary" of the Lincoln Hotel in honor of the guests. Covers were laid for thirty people. The table was prettily decorated with American Beauty roses and leaves which harmonized beautifully with the rich decorations of the "ordinary." Toasts and short talks were a feature of the latter part of the luncheon after which we left for our classes.

In the evening the ladies assisted by prominent people of Lincoln, interested in the movement, addressed a large audience in the First Baptist Church. The members of the University Club were the ushers and were attired in Senior caps and gowns. This, with the exception of a tea given by one of the girls, closed the stay of the ladies in Lincoln.

It might be interesting to say that at this very time the Nebraska Legislature was discussing the Suffrage movement, but unfortunately the efforts of its adherents were not strong enough to enable the bill to be passed. The Alpha Chis attended the preliminary meeting in a body, going over from fraternity meeting. Our house is just across the street from the State Capitol, which makes it very convenient for the girls to attend the Legislature, when any interesting session is in progress.

Initiation was held on Monday evening, February 22, at the Chapter House, and four splendid girls took the vows. They are:

Nettie Hill, Hazel Teeters, Grace Holman, Hazel Clark.

Our initiation was fashioned from the model initiation at Champaign and we think very impressive. Our growth has been so remarkable that we are looking for a larger house for next year.

OUR BIRTHDAY GIFTS.—We were most happily surprised on the celebration of our first birthday to be given a five-dollar gold piece by Professor Sommerville, D. K. E., formerly of Ψ Φ chapter, De Pauw; also a Syracuse pennant, accompanied by a lovely letter, from Lambda girls.

A new pledge for Xi chapter is Katheryne Baine of Lincoln, Nebraska, freshman in the university. She is another "tall and stately" girl.

THE ALPHA CHI GOAT

Alpha had a Billy Goat whose fleece was white as snow,
And everywhere that Alpha went the goat was sure to go.
He followed her to the house one night looking wise and queer,
And when a new pledge was bro't out then this goat did appear.
He butted far, he butted often, he struck her low, then high,
Until the poor girl said "Pray stop!" and how she did Chi Chi.
The goat backed up and shook his head, and eyeing her, said "Bah!"
She said: "O my! I will be good! O deary me! O Ma!"
And then they led the goat away and put him in a coop,
But if ever a new girl does get gay he comes out with a whoop,
And when they see his rugged form they're not so very bold
And very soon they learn to mind and do as they are told.
Alpha feeds the goat all right on paper, cans and wood,
So he'll treat the Alpha Chis all right and make the new girls good.
Long may he live and happy be and always take his stand
To see that everything comes in and goes off just as planned.

MARION E. WHITMORE

OMICRON

Baker University, Baldwin, Kas.

The first thing we will mention in our letter is the musical festival which occurred the last of March, as it was the best in the history of the Baker Oratorio Association. The opening concert consisted of the last two acts of "The Bohemian Girl." Edith Bideau, one of our sophomore girls, had the leading part, that of "Arlene," and her voice was never more beautiful, demonstrating anew the promise of a brilliant future. Ethel Kregar, one of our pledges, was also soprano soloist, appearing with much credit. Bonnidel Sisson was another Alpha Chi to take part, playing first violin in the orchestra. Miss Kregar and Miss Bideau also sang prominent parts in the "Messiah," which was given the last evening and which proved to be the crowning feature of the festival.

One of the most important of our coming events is the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the University, which will occur during commencement, June 5-10. Over one hundred invitations have been issued to filial universities and societies, and everything is being done to make the occasion a memorable one in the history of Baker. In connection with the approaching event, the

"Jubilee," our Junior Annual, contains 600 pictures of the alumni, dating back to the earliest days of the college. We are glad to say that two of our girls were on the staff, Zula Green as organization editor, and Minerva Bragg as chairman of the literary department.

We are glad to report a student council, which was organized during the winter semester and consists of one representative from the freshman, two from the sophomore, three from the junior, and four from the senior classes, respectively. Needless to say, we have great confidence in this "august" body.

As January and February may be called our "society season," our parties have of late come in quick succession. For our pledges, Vivian Nuzman, Bertha Nusbaum, Margaret Hamilton, Estella Durboraw, Opal Stine, Ethel Kregar, Jessie Edwards, and Louise Shipman we gave a "coming out" party on Washington's birthday, on which happy occasion the house was appropriately decorated and the girls wore colonial costumes.

We now require our pledges to have a majority of first grades in the studies pursued, and they must also, of course, abide by the constitutional requirement of twelve hours' work.

During the visit of Miss Latta, of Cincinnati, visiting delegate of Delta Delta Delta, Omicron entertained the Tri Delta Chapter at the Chapter-House to a "chocolate" from 4 to 6 o'clock. The honorary members and alumnae of Delta were present, and also our alumnae and patronesses. The following afternoon we were pleasantly entertained by Delta Delta Delta at Mrs. George Nicholson's.

Birdean Motter, of '96, has been elected our alumnae adviser. Miss Motter is director of the School of Art in Baker, and it has been under her direction that the department has advanced to its present distinction, whereby credit may be given toward an A. B. degree.

The Department of Public School Methods has been added to the Conservatory of Music in the last year. This department is in charge of Miss Eula Smith, one of our alumnae girls of the class of '08. She has formed model classes and affords ample opportunity for the actual teaching of music in the public schools by her pupils. It is now a law in the state of Kansas that every teacher shall hold a certificate for teaching the elemental principles of music in the public schools.

May the rest of the school year continue to bring success and happiness to all Alpha Chis.

ALPHA ALPHA, CHICAGO

The principal event for Alpha Alpha girls during the last quarter was a musical. Mrs. George Wooley opened her home in Evanston for the occasion and entertained about thirty guests in a most delightful manner. The decorations were the early spring flowers and carnations of the proper hue.

The following program was given, Miss Grace Ericson, who arranged the program, announcing the numbers:

1. Novelette Schumann
Miss Grace Fischer.
2. The Winds Are Calling }
Love I Have Won You } Landon Ronald
Miss Alice Watson.

3. Sonata for Violin.....Grieg
Mrs. Clara Gurnee Ryckoff.
4. Happiest Time (Reading).....
Miss Winifred Webster.
5. Etude, F sharp major.....MacDowell
Summer Song Backer-Gröndahl
Grace Ericson.
6. Since We Parted.....Alliston
Im Kahne Grieg
Her Greatest Charm.....Jacobs-Bond
Miss Hedwig Brenneman.
7. Air on G String.....Bach
Canzonetta Ambrosie
Miss Mary Alice Rice.
8. Moment Musicale Schubert
March Militaire Schubert-Tansig
Mabel Dunn Madson.

After the program refreshments were served. Much gay chatter ensued and all agreed that the afternoon would remain in our memories as one of the most delightful of Alpha Alpha meetings.

About ten Gamma girls were guests and part of the interesting numbers on the program were rendered by them.

Miss Ethel Ford, who will join the Alpha Alpha ranks, was also present.

Before the musical luncheons were given in Evanston for the convenience of out-of-town guests. Mrs. William Wyckoff and Mrs. Ralph Dennis were among those who entertained.

Alpha Alpha sends sisterly greetings to all Alpha Chis.

BETA BETA, INDIANAPOLIS

Since our last letter to the LYRE there has been much activity in the life of B B. The planning for and having of our annual banquet at the Claypool Hotel on the evening of February 12th has taken much of our time, but we feel amply repaid for all of our efforts by the pleasant time enjoyed with sisters with whom we were so closely associated while in the active chapter.

We had covers laid for sixty-four but on account of the rainy weather only fifty-eight were present to enjoy the feast of good things, including the toasts and songs of A X Ω.

On the afternoon following the banquet we held our regular business meeting at the home of Maude Meserve Stoner, with several of the visiting girls present. There we made plans for and talked of the possibilities of B B as a state alumnæ chapter.

We hope that each Alpha Chi in the state will recognize this as a rare opportunity for them to become identified with the alumnæ chapter and by so doing feel a keen interest in the affairs of A X Ω even if not privileged to attend each meeting.

A and B B will have two reunions instead of one this year, as the Alpha girls are planning a reunion to be held at Greencastle, in June. This is something to look forward to. Girls, do not forget the time and place; plan to be there, for it will certainly be like old times to meet our sisters in the same old

haunts and places where we spent our college years together. It will be a great pleasure to see the progress that Alpha has made and to know the active Alpha girls.

GAMMA GAMMA, NEW YORK

The average of attendance at the regular monthly meetings has been fairly good during the winter months. The one social event of importance was the dinner held at the Cafe Boulevard on the evening of February 9th. This, in spite of very unpropitious weather, was a great success. It seemed likely that only a very small proportion of the members would brave the storm. What greater proof could be asked, then, not only of the loyalty of Alpha Chi, but of those members of other fraternities who have voluntarily attached themselves? For there were present twenty-seven members and guests, and not one gave the slightest evidence of wishing himself (or herself) elsewhere. Possibly the gaiety of the occasion was slightly lessened by the fact that we were in a large public dining-room, where a flow of real Alpha Chi spirits (there were no other in evidence) might not have been appreciated, or at least might have been misunderstood.

After partaking of canvasback duck and other delicacies, the time was very profitably spent in trying to become better acquainted. The correct classification of husbands and brothers required not a little skill, but was finally accomplished.

One of the proud fathers present suggested that a lawn party be held next summer, for the infant members of Alpha Chi. Of course this will include those who will later be ineligible to Alpha Chi by proxy. Its promoter wishes it clearly understood, however, that no prizes will be given.

Members and their guests present were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Horace M. Kent (Fay Barnaby, Delta).
 Mr. and Mrs. W. Herbert Taylor (Alta Moyer, Delta).
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Fall (Nella Ramsdell, Beta).
 Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Green (Virginia Fiske, Theta).
 Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Echlin (Daisy Snell, Beta).
 Mr. and Mrs. Stanley E. Gunnison (Harriet O. McLaughlin, Delta).
 Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence R. Howard (Margaret Kellogg, Gamma).
 Miss May Allinson (Iota) and Mrs. O. T. Allinson.
 Miss Lillian Dodson (Zeta) and Mrs. Adams.
 Mrs. Violet Truell Johnston (Zeta) and Mrs. Fallon.
 Miss Emma L. Crittenden (Beta) and Mrs. Wm. M. Redfield.
 Miss Sara F. Evens (Delta) and Mr. Wm. Fuller Evans.
 Mrs. Fern Pickard Stevens (Delta) and Mrs. Grace Daschbach.
 Miss Juvenilia O. Porter (Delta).

DELTA DELTA, LOS ANGELES

Epsilon and Delta Delta consider themselves fortunate, indeed, to have as guests our honored Grand President, Mrs. Loud, and Grand Historian, Miss Siller. Miss Siller came first, and at our regular monthly meeting at Mrs. C. W. Brown's (Γ) we gave her welcome. This was our first meeting of 1909, and Mrs. Brown certainly gave us a splendid time. Luncheon was served and then came our business meeting. Miss Siller read to us the report of the con-

vention and then gave us a helpful little talk which we all greatly appreciated. We had with us that day Mrs. Osgood, another I^Γ sister.

February 13 dawned clear and bright, after ten days of rain, and we all were delighted, for that was the day of our meeting, and we were going to Mrs. Cushman's, and best of all were to have the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Loud. The pretty home was beautifully decorated in our own "scarlet and olive-green" and when we descended the stairs, after leaving our wraps, we were greeted with a warm hand-grasp and a cheery word from our beloved Grand President. After a delicious luncheon, we attended to business and then prevailed upon Mrs. Loud to say a few words to us, and although she was too modest to take much time, the words she said came straight from a heart filled with love for Alpha Chi and with high hopes and aspirations for her future. Not one of us could fail to recognize the sincerity of her affection for all of us, in the sacred bond of our sisterhood, and when we finally had to go (by us I mean our Epsilon sisters, too, for they were there), we felt that we had indeed met a *woman*.

The following week Miss Siller entertained for visiting alumnae and all had a splendid time.

On Friday of the same week Epsilon gave a reception when we all had a very pleasant evening. We would comment at length, if it were not for "stealing Epsilon's plunder."

Wednesday of this week Mrs. Van Cleve entertained at luncheon for Mrs. Loud and Miss Siller. Covers were laid for Mesdames Loud, Cushman, Garrett, Brown, Young, and Misses Siller and Trowbridge.

Δ Δ has issued invitations to the members of the Los Angeles Pan-Hellenic Alumnae Association, for a large reception to be held March 2 in honor of Mrs. Loud and Miss Siller.

We feel justly proud of having had the privilege of thus entertaining for two of our grand officers and of presenting them to our sisters of other fraternities.

We must not fail to mention the pleasure it gave us to extend our greeting to Miss Kate Granger (B) and Miss Sarah Morgan (K), who will be with us for some time.

Remember, all of you that wear the "lyre," that your Los Angeles sisters will gladly extend the cordial hand when you come to California.



PERSONALS



ALPHA

Fay Newlin, '06, is spending the winter with her aunt at Long Beach, Cal. Pearle Fuller, '06, who has been assisting in the voice department at De Pauw, has been obliged to return home on account of illness.

Carrie Little is head of the English department in the High School at Harrisburg, Ill.

Helen Birch is teaching music in Galesburg, Ill.

Elizabeth Lockridge is doing post work in piano in the Music School at De Pauw.

Mrs. Edward Heney (Anna Laura Adams) has been visiting her mother in Indianapolis.

BETA

Miss Daisy Newcomer, '08, who is teaching in Bessemer, Mich., this year, visited Miss Bessie Shanley on her way to her home in Monroe for the holidays.

Miss Olah Hill, of Pratt Institute, spent the holidays with her parents here.

Miss Maizie Goodenow and Mrs. Jessie Blanchard Flinn spent a few days in Jackson early in January.

Mrs. Nellie Valentine Lovejoy was called to Albion by the serious illness of Mrs. H. R. Lovejoy.

Miss Georga Goodenow had the misfortune to break her wrist this winter while roller skating.

Miss Kate Granger is spending six months in California, and enjoying Los Angeles, where there are so many Beta girls.

Margaret Mosher went to Chicago to attend the "Prom" and spend a few days in the city, in February.

Mrs. Alta Allen Loud is in California, where she expects to spend about three months with her sister, Mrs. Janette Allen Cushman in Los Angeles.

Among those who attended the concert of the Kneisel Quartette in Battle Creek, February 25th, were Miss Jennie Worthington of Albion and Miss Della Sprague of Kalamazoo.

Miss Eva Pratt of Moline, Ill., spent the holidays with her parents. There is a rumor that she will soon give up teaching and devote her time to domestic affairs.

Miss Ella Sherk visited some of the girls during the holidays. She is filling a position as stenographer for the Jonesville Buggy Company, Michigan.

The friends of Miss Grace Brown and her sister, Mrs. Harry Gale, will be pained to hear of the death of their mother, Mrs. Josephine Clark, December 24, 1908, at the home of Mrs. Gale in Albion.

Mrs. Mae Allen Striker has returned to Albion from Filer, Ida. The climate there did not agree with her, nor her little son. She is improving, however, since her return to Michigan.

In a play called "College Chums," given for the benefit of the City Library, Miss Bessie Shanley took a prominent part. Miss Georga Goodenow was also to have taken part, but owing to her recent accident was unable to do so.

Miss Susan Perine was home for Christmas, as was also Miss Cleora Miller.

A number of the alumni entertained the chapter and the new girls on the afternoon of December 10th, at the home of the Misses Goodenow. A New England supper was served at half past five.

After the pledging of the new girls at the Lodge, Mrs. Ada Dickie Hamblin invited the girls present to her home, where a social hour was spent, and after which she served chocolate and wafers.

Mrs. Belle Loder Taylor entertained Misses Margaret Mosher and Kate Granger at her new home in Battle Creek, recently.

Mrs. Ethel Calkins McDonald and Miss Kate Calkins spent Christmas week with their parents here.

At an entertainment at the Normal, at Kalamazoo, Miss Mary Master gave a dramatic reading of "Madame Butterfly." A previous press notice said: "Those who have had the pleasure of listening to Miss Master's rendition of 'If I Were King' and 'Aux Italiens' anticipate a treat."

Mrs. Ada Dickie Hamblin and her guest, Mrs. Bruce Brockway of Toledo, spent February 16th with Mrs. Clarissa Dickie Stewart in Battle Creek. Mrs. Hamblin has since gone to Detroit for six weeks.

At the Valentine Ball given by the Leisure Hour Club, Miss Margaret Mosher was chosen to lead the grand march, riding in a chariot drawn by Mr. Arnold and Mr. Sherwood Smith.

At the Schubert Musical Club of Kalamazoo, Miss Della Sprague sang "The Light from Heaven" by Frederic Rogers, and had the good fortune to be accompanied by the composer. Miss Sprague sang this beautiful song with much feeling, her tones being rich and full. She is at her best when singing sacred music.

Born, December 4th, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Echlin (nee Daisy Snell) of New York, a daughter, Margaret Snell.

Miss Bessie Shanley entertained delightfully with "500" on the afternoon of January 15. Mrs. Ada Hamblin won the prizes.

The production of "Madame Butterfly" in Jackson February 27th called forth a large delegation from Albion. The Alpha Chis who attended were: Miss Jennie Worthington, Mrs. Jessie Blanchard Flinn, Mrs. Elizabeth Fiske Leonard, Mrs. Irene Clark Austin, Mrs. Georgina McClellan.

GAMMA

Ruth Inglis is spending a few months at Hollywood, Cal.

Mrs. Norman Larson (Bessie Grant) of Minneapolis is spending the winter in Los Angeles, Cal.

The Misses Nonie and Wemple of Waverly, Ill., spent the winter at Hot Springs, Ark.

Among the alumnae who entertained at luncheon before the Alpha Alpha musicale on February 24th, were Mrs. Ralph Dennis, and Mrs. Wycoff (Lillian Siller).

Mary Mowrey has been very ill with diphtheria at her home in Columbia City, Ind., but is now convalescing.

Mae Smith, Hedwig Brenneman, and Mary Alice Rice are going to Dixon, Ill., to give a recital, some time during March.

Alice Watson sang at the California Avenue Congregational Church, Chicago, at a Washington's birthday musicale.

Nathalie Thompson is planning to move to Minneapolis in the spring and ardently wishes she could be transferred to an Alpha Chi chapter at the University of Minnesota.

Mrs. James R. Van Ryper (Romaine Hardcastle) has been visiting Relda Van Ryper, who entertained the chapter in her honor on February 10th.

Palms Gross has been elected to Anonian Literary Society.

Helen Baird leaves the first week in March for Junior Prom at Wabash College. She will attend the Beta house-party.

Helen Hardie has returned to school after a five weeks' absence on account of appendicitis.

Mrs. Ernest Pratt (Marion Ewell) expects to leave Evanston soon to reside in New York.

DELTA

Mrs. John Dick and Mrs. Juvia Hull of Meadville spent a few days in Buffalo last week.

Miss Edith Steffner (Θ) is home from Ann Arbor, Mich., for a month's vacation.

Mrs. Clyde L. Binney of Oil City, Pa., has been in Meadville recently as the guest of friends.

Mrs. Robert Philp and husband are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Roberts and were among those present at the Washington birthday banquet.

Miss Mary Greene and Wilhelmina Anderson spent a short time between terms at the home of Mabel McLean.

Bertha Cribbs of Oil City was a recent visitor in Meadville.

Before vacation Alpha Chis were delighted with a short visit from Olga Henry, who is teaching in her home town, Punxsatawney.

Born, to Mrs. Frank R. Layng, in January, a son, Edwin Tower Layng.

Julia Jones spent the vacation between semesters at her home in Kane.

Miss Anna Borland of Oil City was in Meadville a few weeks ago as the guest of friends.

Miss Vera Bash, who is now teaching in Lewickley, Pa., spent Sunday as the guest of Alpha Chis and other friends in Meadville two weeks ago.

Miss Clara Wheeling has been very ill for the past two weeks, but although not able to resume her studies at present, is gaining rapidly.

Mary Patterson of Hulings Hall visited friends near Greenville a short time ago.

Misses Charlotte and Ruth Miller are guests at the home of Florence and Ethel Moore, on Grove street, for a few weeks.

Born, to Mrs. F. C. Reynolds (Jessie Merchant) of Melrose, Mass., a son, in February.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank MacCartney of Greenville expect to move to Pittsburgh some time in the near future.

Miss Mabel McLean is planning to attend the Y W. C. A. convention at Beaver.

Miss Ethel Moore entertained at dinner February 23rd in honor of her guests, Misses Ruth and Charlotte Miller.

Miss Alice McDowell gave a dinner party at her home on Baldwin street recently at which several Alpha Chis were present.

EPSILON

Blanche Stump, who was forced to leave school on account of her mother's health, is now at her home in Hemet, but she hopes to be back with us in school next September.

The Epsilon girls are glad to announce to all Alpha Chis that they have a new pledge, Minnie Polette, who is now studying in the College of Oratory.

Among recent guests at the Chapter House were Sue Shenk, Catherine Saunders, Blanche Gregg, Jessie Myers, Anne Shepard, Olive Berryman, Rowena Hall, Marie Jackson and Mabel Farrington.

Some of the Eastern Alpha Chis now visiting in or near Los Angeles are Mrs. Alta Loud, Miss Mabel Siller of Gamma, Kate Granger, Alberta Brown, Jessie Cushman of Beta, Sarah Morgan of Kappa, Mrs. Larson of Gamma, and Miss Bussy of Mu.

The girls now staying at the Chapter House, 3553 South Hoover street, are Katherine Asher, Minnie Palette, and Olive La Clair.

Mrs. Loud is spending a week at Catalina Island in company with her mother, Mrs. Allen.

Miss Siller and Katherine Asher will attend the Northwestern University reception given by all former Northwestern students in honor of the president, Mr. A. Harris, who is now in Los Angeles.

ZETA

It will be interesting to all members of Zeta who know of the kindly interest taken in them by Mrs. H. H. A. Beach to read one of the many tributes which appeared after her recent recital at Steinert Hall, Boston:

MRS. BEACH'S PIANO RECITAL.—There is always a great desire to hear Mrs. Beach, who is such a great Boston favorite, in a recital. She is a most gifted composer and pianist, and those who attended her recital in Steinert Hall on Wednesday evening could not fail to be impressed with her musical ability as a composer and her artistic skill as an interpreter. As a composer she has written a symphony, a mass, a "festival jubilee" and many other large works, in addition to an almost unlimited number of compositions for the piano, voice and violin, piano and violin, various cantatas, etc., in fact she has a record for this class of work far in excess of any woman in America.

The program on Wednesday evening was as follows: Prelude and Fugue from F minor suite, Handel; Schumann's "Waldscenen," a gigue by Graun, two mazurkas by Moret, berceuse by Gottschalk, "Valse Impromptu," Liszt; "Clair de Lune" and toccata, Debussy, and Mrs. Beach's concerto, C-sharp minor, Mr. Carl Faelten playing the second piano.

In all of her work Mrs. Beach displayed sincerity combined with great taste and intelligence, and as a result she delighted everyone. Although the program from beginning to end was full of life and interest, it was in their last number, her great concerto in C-sharp minor, op. 25, that interest largely centered.

Notwithstanding that an orchestra is almost a positive necessity for the best production of this work, Mrs. Beach's great skill, assisted by that well-known artist, Mr. Carl Faelten, who played a transcription of the orchestral part on a second piano, enabled her to give a fine rendition of the work. The audience was a large one and hearty enthusiasm was displayed. Mrs. Beach was the recipient of many floral tributes.—Boston Times, Feb. 21, 1909.

Miss Bridge is at present on an extensive concert tour with the reader, Katherine Ridgeway.

Miss Merle Reynolds, Fort Worth, Texas, was in Boston for a few days before sailing from New York for Europe. Miss Reynolds expects to travel for three or four months, and we hope to have her back in Boston before the Commencement exercises.

Miss Gertrude Damon spent a few days in Boston recently.

Mrs. Charles White has returned from a concert tour through the south and west.

Miss Edith Bly, who is now teaching in the Conservatory, is giving a Liszt program at her recital in Jordan Hall this week.

Miss Rachel Osgood of Ayer, Mass., was another of our "old girls" who paid us a flying visit this week.

Miss Edith Johnson of Winnipeg, Man., gave her first public recital January 28th. That it was a success will be shown by the following press notices:

"It is not too much to say that very few more experienced players could have given a more finished exposition of some of the numbers of her program, and have accomplished the entire performance from memory, as did Miss Johnson."

"Every number was tastefully and gracefully rendered, with a consistent mastery of technical difficulties sufficient to give clear and intelligent phrasing throughout."

Mrs. Carol Culley (Caroline Schmidt) has now made Greenville, Miss., her permanent home.

THETA

Mrs. Chambers, nee Starrett, is at home in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Mrs. Whitman, nee Butler, is living in Chicago.

Frances Joyce has been visiting in Ann Arbor for the past two weeks, accompanied by her friend, Miss Katherine Fitzgerald.

IOTA

Grace Guller, Alpha, stayed at the Chapter House while attending the short session in Household Science offered by the University at the end of the first semester.

Elizabeth Swarthout and Hardy Breckenridge have made the freshman basketball team, the former having been chosen captain.

Charlotte Baker has been elected to the Alethenai Literary Society.

Eva Robinette Huss of Cleveland, Miss., has a son, James Wesley Huss, Jr., born January 4.

Ruth Wilcox visited at the Chapter House for a week the first of February.

Ola Wyeth has returned to her home in Charleston after acting as assistant in the University Library for several months.

Mamie Lewis and Marie Seebach have withdrawn from the University—much to Iota's regret.

Ruth Buffum has been elected president of the Alethenai Literary Society.

Mrs. Reinhardt visited her daughters, Rhoda and Ruth, at the Alpha Chi House, during February.

Gladys Meserve, Lucy Lewis, and Grace Ewing were back for the Σ A E annual, February 26. Grace Ewing will visit her aunt, Mrs. Bills, in Urbana, for several weeks.

At the recent meeting of the Illinois Chapter of Φ B K Ruth Buffum was elected to membership. This is decidedly an honor, because only six seniors are taken at this time of year. More than that, Miss Buffum is the only fraternity girl of the three girls included in the six.

KAPPA

Grace Howe, who attended Stout Training School the first three months of this year, has returned to resume her studies at the University of Wisconsin.

Josephine Heuer, '09, is on the hill again after being ill for several weeks.

Meta Kieckhefer, Lillian Zimmerman, Irma Hellberg and Flora Knox, Milwaukee; Alma Slater, Escanaba, Mich., and Mary Cole, Geneseo, Ill., spent the few days between semesters at their homes.

Marguerite Bower spent the mid-semester vacation at Detroit and Albion, where she was the guest of Katherine Stanley (B).

Miss Theodora Richards of Dubuque, Iowa, was the guest of our chaperon, Mrs. Stephens, for several days.

Miss Leila Barnard (I) has been visiting Mrs. Birkhoff (I), and we Kappa girls were very glad to meet her.

LAMBDA

Harriet Moore and two of her friends from LaFargeville spent Sunday and Washington's birthday at the Chapter House.

Frances Waldo, who is staying at the Chapter House this year, has registered for a course in the University.

Ruth Hutchins spent Lincoln's birthday at home.

Iva Clark, one of our last year's pledges, who was unable to return in the fall, visited at the Chapter House recently.

MU

Carrie MacFadon, of the Guthrie Center High School, spent the holidays with her parents in Emerson, Iowa.

Ada Schimelfenig, Florence Armstrong and Mayme Silliman spent Christmas vacation at their homes in Indiana.

Ruth Conrey is again in school.

Lena Dalrymple, '08, left the first of January for Independence, Iowa, where she is teaching in the High school.

Miss Alice Barrows attended the Des Moines Women's Pan-Hellenic banquet, February 6th.

Emma Brown, '08, and Mable Fett, who was in school last year, visited in Indianola during the first of February. They attended the Alpha Chi banquet.

Miss Evangeline Bridge (Z) and Miss Mable Van Epps (K) of Kamanche, Iowa, were guests of Mu February 26th and 27th. The chapter met the guests at a tea in Miss Barrow's studio. Every girl was glad to meet these two charming sisters in Alpha Chi and to hear from other chapters.

The new semester is starting well for Simpson. More basketball victories have stirred up enthusiasm and literary contests are commanding unusual interest. Mu is glad to send greetings again from a wide-awake college, thro the pages of the LYRE.

NU

We have three new pledges, Frankie Fans, of Boulder; Bessie Todd, Marysville, Mo.; and Ella Noxen, Boulder.

Leora Powelson, who is studying music in Denver this year, sings in the Presbyterian choir.

Ella Noxen gave a musical recital at the Methodist Church Friday afternoon, February 26.

Ernestine Heslop has gone to her home in Portland, Ore.

Pearl Weiland has left college and is at her home in Fowler, Col.

Frankie Fans was elected vice-president of the Y. W. C. A., Friday, February 25th.

Mildred Nape was initiated in January.

Ernestine Heslop has gone to her home in Portland, Oregon.

XI

Miss Bertha Howard has taken up the duties of alumna secretary of our chapter. She will be glad to hear any items of interest from our alumnæ. All communications will be received by her at 1430 C St., Lincoln, Neb.

Miss Beulah Goodson will be married to Mr. Ronald Kennedy of Kansas City, Mo., April 29th.

Miss Grace Holman, one of our pledges, led the grand march at the "Junior Prom." This is considered the most important social event of the year in the university circles.

Beulah Jennings has been elected vice-president of the University Y. W. C. A.

Vera Cox Bavenger is coming Thursday to visit Xi girls and to visit her father, who is a member of the Legislature.

OMICRON

Stella Morton is attending Washburn College at Topeka, Kansas, this semester. The girls were disappointed to have her leave us, but her father has recently been elected to the state legislature and the family is now living in Topeka, the state capital, where Washburn College is located. She has been back for several visits at the Chapter-House, and was present at the formal party of Delta Tau Delta, March 9.

Ivy Riley Farrar, '08, and Lucile Kelly Woods, '05, alumnae of Nu Alpha, visited the Chapter this semester and were initiated into Alpha Chi Omega.

Mrs. Grace Hugunin Bissell and her husband have gone to spend a year in Mexico.

Edith Kurtz Apple of Kansas City, Mo., visited her mother in Baldwin and the girls at the Chapter-House.

Vera Simpson, '07, is in Northwestern this semester, taking post-graduate work in English and French, and a course in music.

Grace Davenport, Vivian Nuzman and Bertha Nusbaum were invited to the formal spring party of Alpha Tau Omega at the State University.

Edith Bideau is engaged to sing at the Ottawa Chautauqua, July 21-31.

Miss Vogt, state secretary of the Y. W. C. A. and a Kappa Kappa Gamma of Wooster College, Ill., was entertained at the Chapter-House during her official visit to Baker University.

ALPHA ALPHA

Miss Ruth Inglis is spending the winter in Chicago, after returning from abroad.

Miss Katherine Scales is spending several months in Alabama with her sister.

Miss Grace Richardson spent the winter in Mississippi.

Miss Mabel Siller is spending the winter in Pasadena, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wycoff have made arrangements to move into their new bungalow at 1043 Chestnut avenue, Wilmette, in July.

Mrs. Henry Osborne is visiting in Grand Rapids, Mich.

BETA BETA

Faye Newlin of Robinson, Ill., is spending the winter in California.

Mae Headley Walker and Ethel Clark of Pendleton, Ind., came down for the B B banquet.

A letter from Sarah Neal Washburn, Brant, Alberta, Canada, states that she is well and happy and hopes to visit in Indiana soon.

Claudia Hill Alexander and Sadie Machlan of Greensburg, and Mary Carter of Shelbyville, attended the last meeting of Beta Beta, which was held at the home of Maude Meserve Stoner the second Saturday afternoon of February.

Ethel Jackson Martin of Maxbass, N. D., left Friday morning for St. Paul, Minn., on her way home after spending the winter with her parents on North New Jersey street.

Estelle Leonard of Union City, Ind., and Bertha Deniston Cunningham, two charter members of A X Ω, attended the B B banquet given at the Claypool Hotel on the evening of February 12th.

Grace Conner Harris of Seymour, Ind., called on Alpha Chi sisters while in the city recently.

Maude Meserve Stoner is spending several weeks with her parents in Robinson, Ill.

Ruth Bonner, Sadie Machlan, Claudia Hill Alexander and Pearl Shaw Thomas, all of Greensburg, Ind., attended the recent banquet of B B.

Grace Bryan Davis and little son of New Orleans, La., have spent part of the winter at her old home in Bloomfield, Ind.

DELTA DELTA

Two of Epsilon's charter members, Mrs. Garrett (Bertie Phelps) and Mrs. Rae Van Cleve (Louise Davis), are members of $\Delta \Delta$.

Mrs. H. W. Cushman is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Loud, our Grand Grand President.

Mabel Chalfin has started with her mother for Tahiti and New Zealand, expecting to return in May.

Louise White and Rowena Hall are to sing soon in the Lyric Club concert. Sue Shenk, Jessie Myers, Louise White, Rowena Hall, Anne Shepard and Carrie Trowbridge attended the minstrel show at U. S. C. with the Epsilon girls on February 10, enjoying refreshments at the Alpha Chi House afterward.

Sarah Morgan, who has been spending some time at Long Beach, is now at Hotel Granada in the city.

Nearly every member of $\Delta \Delta$ attended the reception given by the Epsilon girls to the faculty and fraternities of U. S. C., in honor of Mrs. Loud.

Blanche Gregg and Katherine Saunders plan to spend a week with the Epsilon girls in their Chapter House very soon.

Marriages and Engagements

Alza Starrett (Φ) was married to Dr. Chambers ($N \Sigma N$) in December.

Faith Butler (Θ) was married to Bayard Whitman ($Z \Psi$) in December.

Florence Clemens (Φ) is to be married to Frederick B. Kemp ($\Phi \Delta \Delta$) in early spring.

Alice Beeson (Δ) of Milton, Ind., to Dr. Kniese, of Cambridge City.

Flora Brumfield (A) to Dr. Edwin May, of Martinsville, Ind.

The engagement of Imo Baker (I) to Howard Bent, of Chicago, was announced at Christmas time. Mr. Bent graduated from Illinois in 1907 and is a member of ΣN .

The engagement of Jessie V. Mann (I) to J. V. Waddell ($\Sigma A E$), of Taylorville, Ill., has been announced.

Gladys Breckenridge (I) has announced her engagement to Earl D. Finch (ΣN). Mr. Finch graduated from Illinois in 1908.

A very pretty home wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Neal, 2027 College avenue, Indianapolis, on the evening of January 27, uniting in marriage their daughter, Marie Neal (A) and Howell D. Thomson, of Gas City, Ind. Only the relatives and a few close friends of the young couple were present. A program of wedding music was given by Marie Wood, and Virinda Rainier sang "Because." The young couple left immediately for their home in Gas City.

Married, at the home of the bride's parents in South Haven, December 28th, Mr. Harold Steele, '02, principal of the Aurora High School, Ill., and Miss Lucile Johnston, both former Albion students and the bride a member of Beta Chapter.

On the 12th of January, 1909, Bessie Reed (M), of Indianola, Iowa, was married to Mr. Ed. Genuyn ($A T \Omega$). They will make their home in Pomona, California.

The engagement of Bonnidell Sisson (O) and Mr. Newton Roberts, Delta Tau Delta, has been announced.

Eva Simpson (O) and Mr. Chester Leasure, who were married in December, are now at their home in Muskogee, Okla. Mr. Leasure is editor of the Muskogee Phoenix.

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The April number of the Sigma Kappa Triangle will be devoted exclusively to convention business and will be sent to Sigma Kappa members only.

Kappa Psi has installed its Xi chapter in the medical college of the University of West Virginia and its Omicron chapter in the medical department of the University of Nashville.

Phi Kappa Psi has reestablished its Missouri Alpha chapter at the University of Missouri. The chapter has been inactive for 32 years.

The National Pan-Hellenic Conference announces the admission of Zeta Tau Alpha fraternity to full membership in the Conference.

The Lyre wishes to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Sigma Chi Manual and Directory. It is a book of 400 pages, containing a sketch of the founders of the fraternity, its constitution and by-laws, charter, a historical sketch, a directory by chapters with a geographical and biographical index.

Delta Kappa Epsilon expects to publish a new catalogue soon. It will contain a short history of each chapter and the latest data that can be gathered in regard to every member of the fraternity.

Delta Tau Delta founded its Gamma Nu chapter November 11, 1908, at the University of Maine.

Beta Theta Pi installed a new chapter November 27, 1908, at Tulane University.

The New York alumni of Beta Theta Pi have organized a Beta club, and have their own club rooms in New York City.

Phi Delta Theta has granted a charter for a chapter at the University of Idaho.

Kappa Alpha Theta has granted a charter to a local sorority known as Delta Psi at the University of Missouri.

Sigma Chi is gathering a fund to be used in erecting a handsome house at Miami as a memorial of the founding of the fraternity. Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Theta were also founded there. Beta has a lot and expects to erect a memorial house there in the future, and Phi Delta Theta already possesses one valued at \$20,000.

The Chicago undergraduates' association of Delta Kappa Epsilon held its annual meeting December 24, 1908. The object of this association is "the promoting of congeniality among its members and cooperation in rushing of men intending to go to college." To the "Rushing committee" is handed the name of every prospective high-school man who looks like possible Delta Kappa Epsilon material. The committee will also endeavor to see that wherever these men go they shall fall into good Deke hands.

At the annual banquet of the Sigma Nu fraternity in Chicago on January 1st a resolution was adopted calling for a Pan-Hellenic conference for the purpose of organizing all Greek-letter societies in the United States into a Grand Council.—Shield of $\Phi K \Psi$.

The $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ year book for 1908 consists of the twenty-second volume of annual circular letters of chapters, together with the lists of their alumni and active members. The book contains 844 pages, and is divided into two parts. The circular letters that the seventy-one chapters issued to their alumni early in 1908 are republished, making the first part of this book, which has 372 pages. The second part has 472 pages, and contains the lists of members by chapters and classes.—Shield of $\Phi K \Psi$.

The January number of the Arrow of Pi Beta Phi is confined almost entirely to a discussion of the chapter house problem. A few extracts follow:

Chapter Houses Owned or Rented By Women's Fraternities

[In this table are included all women's fraternities that have five or more chapters, and that maintain chapters in no institutions below collegiate rank. These fraternities comprise the Woman's National Pan-Hellenic Association. The editor of the Arrow is indebted to the editors of the various fraternity magazines for the statistics here given, except in the case of Kappa Kappa Gamma, for which figures were furnished by Mrs. Guy Walker.]

Founded	Name	Chapters	Houses Owned	Date of Purchase of First House	Houses Rented	Total
1893	Α Ξ Δ	14			6	6
1897	Α Ο Π	11			3	3
1872	Α Φ	14	3	1886	4	7
1885	Α Χ Ω	14	1	1895	8	9
1874	Γ Φ Β	12	4	1904	3	7
1874	Δ Γ	19	2	1901	13	15
1888	Δ Δ Δ	27			9	9
1870	Κ Α Θ	28	} 5 2 lodges	1900	8	15
1870	Κ Κ Γ	33		1900	12	14
1869	Π Β Φ	39	} 4 1 lodge	1903	11	16
1874	Σ Κ	8			3	3
1895	Χ Ω	22	1	1906	3	4
	12	241	25		83	108

Opponents of the chapter house system claim that it tends to degrade scholarship. Be that as it may, this objection seems to me infinitely less dangerous than other smaller evils, because it is tangible and one that the fraternity as an organization can regulate, if it will. Every fraternity not only has the right, but ought to consider it a duty, to make and enforce rules concerning this matter.

Pi Beta Phi has already taken radical action in this direction. Every chapter is required to maintain a scholarship committee whose duty it is to keep in constant touch with the work of every active member, and to report to the Grand Council. At least once in two years, an official representative of the fraternity visits each chapter and consults the dean and other members of the faculty of each college visited. Chapters which for two successive years are reported, through the college authorities, as deficient in scholarship, forfeit the right to charters, if at the end of two years there is no improvement. No special student in any college of liberal arts is eligible to membership, if she carries less than twelve hours' work, or if she has less than twelve hours' credit in college. Reports of our last visiting delegates show that in many cases the "work was above the average" and that where there were failures they were, almost without exception, from the freshman class. An examination of the House Rules of the chapters shows that hours for study are insisted upon and enforced. If the requirements of the fraternity set the

of the chapter and to all other Phi Psis who are at all likely to be interested in that particular chapter and who might know of promising material entering Minnesota in the fall. The leaflet contains a cut of the active chapter, then a history of the chapter's work during the year, what it has done for the fraternity at large, for the "U" and for its own good. Its plans and purposes for the future are briefly stated and some space is given to the achievements of the more prominent members. In short, the collegiate, fraternal, social, athletic and political deeds of chapter and individual are given. Then at the end is a detachable information blank, which is an inquiry for promising material. The blank also has questions relative to the social standing of the proposed new man, and that of his family. Their financial situation, his talent in what particular line, and what accomplishments, whether musical, athletic, etc., by what other fraternities likely to be reached, etc. The leaflet is bound in a folder cover and mailed. It evidently contains several capital pointers. In the first place if the alumnus receiving it cares anything at all for his fraternity he becomes interested at once in an opportunity to know what a chapter, and more so if it is his own chapter, is doing, and when he is in such a state of mind he is most likely to fill out and return the information blank. The same thing is done by other chapters, perhaps by some of our own; if not this particular plan, some similar plan should be followed by each chapter.—Delta Chi Quarterly.

"The Shield's" Showing.

Last year was the most prosperous period in the history of the fraternity journal. The dividend to the general fraternity was more than four hundred dollars. During the nine years incumbency of the present editor and publisher, who will celebrate his tenth anniversary as editor of "The Shield" in June, more than two thousand dollars has been turned over to the fraternity treasury in profits from the fraternity journal. By the time the ten years has been rounded out "The Shield" will have contributed more than \$2,500, or an average of \$250 per year, to the general treasury. All this is simply indicative of the very active interest members of our fraternity feel in the organization, which finds its most natural expression in support of the fraternity's periodical publication.—Shield of Φ K Ψ.

The normally constituted fraternity, exclusive of its particular characteristics, endeavors to supply its members with the elements which, taken in connection with her college course, will tend to give her the most perfectly rounded development. There are certain things that the college does not do, that it does not pretend to do, that it would not be in its province to do. But these things are within the scope of the fraternity. The college offers courses that broaden a girl's outlook, that make her wake up perhaps to her deficiencies. The college points the way, but it is often the older fraternity sister who has the practical blazing of the trail to do for the eager but incompetent freshman. I have seen, within the limits of my personal experience, girls unselfishly devoting their time, their energy and their money to help a younger girl and with a whole-souled joy in the feeling that they could do it. I have seen women, long graduated from college, with demands on their time, their strength and resources, come to fraternity girls and ask if there was anything that they could do to help. This loyalty has been bred by something strong, something true, something worth while.

The fraternity brings all this to the new girl. The question immediately arises—"What ought a girl to bring to the fraternity?" The very first thing is interest. No fraternity can expect loyalty from a neophyte, unless she has an active interest, a desire to ally herself with the particular organization. I do not pretend to even theorize as to the basis on which a freshman makes a choice in the matter; the mental processes of the majority of new students are too involved for easy solution. But I insist that she be interested, or that she does not join. Lukewarmness is the bane of any organization.

If she is interested enough to become a member, she ought to show a willingness to adapt herself to new conditions, to take the first step toward an open mind, a readiness to be taught. She ought to familiarize herself with the general principles of the society, with its particular customs, for these matters, which may seem of minor importance, all go to grounding her in adapting herself to surroundings, hold her interest and develop the loyalty that is the strong bond among fraternity sisters. It is safe to say that many a victory has been won by devotion to a principle, and it is equally safe to say that every fraternity is founded on some principle, devotion to which will win many a hard battle for a girl whether in college or in after years, when the larger and more vital issues are at stake.—To Drama of A O II.

Every year a man lives he should realize more strongly all he owes to his fraternity. With this clearer appreciation of values should come an added desire to make all return within his power. Every phase of endeavor looking toward the advancement of his fraternity should have his most active support. His first duty is to keep in close touch with his fraternity through its magazine and by attendance at banquets and conventions. His more specific responsibility is for his own chapter. He should give it all the financial assistance in his power and he should keep in close enough touch with its life to be of invaluable assistance in advising and counseling. Before this we have discussed in these columns some of the specific lines of service by which an alumnus can discharge a portion of his debt to his fraternity. All this will be included and the entire responsibility realized in a strong love for and loyalty to the fraternity, its ideals and its teachings. A love and loyalty of such pure gold that the years cannot tarnish its lustre nor other interests corrode.—Rainbow of Δ T Δ.

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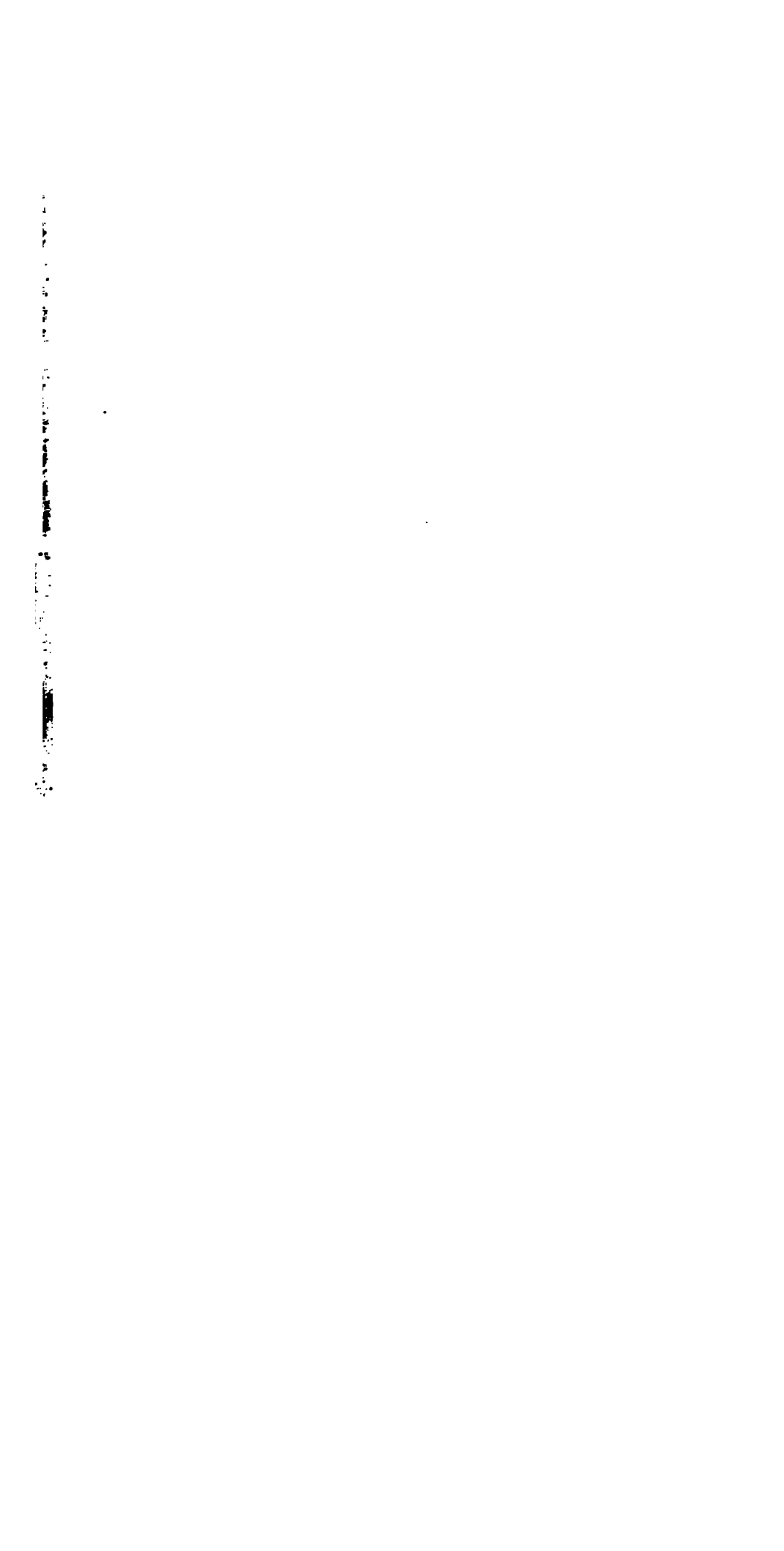
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The Sorority Chapter House

The chapter house as an institution has been highly developed among the men's fraternities during the past twenty years, but it is a well known fact that it has not reached a like development among the sororities. This is doubtless due to the fact that the natural inexperience of the fair sex in business affairs has retarded the acquisition of chapter houses among them, and further that the alumnæ of the sororities being women, are not usually able financially to contribute within the same degree as the men. Then, too, the women are naturally timid about embarking on an enterprise which usually means financial burdens and intricate business transactions.

Neither are our fair friends able to command the experienced business ability which falls to the lot of the fraternities, by reason of the participation of many of their alumni, who are busy men of affairs.

In spite of all these obstacles to the acquisition of chapter houses by the women's organizations, it can be done and is being done. The time will come when the same degree of development will be reached among the sororities, as to chapter houses, as among the fraternities.

It is not our purpose to discuss the question of the advisability of acquiring a chapter house by either men or women. That question has been long since answered in the affirmative by experience.

The acquisition of a permanent home and tangible property of value, insures both stability, standing and the continued interest of those who have been instrumental in such acquisition.

It is our opinion that the future should help to pay for a chapter house, and that the duty of the alumni is to provide the house, and

for the active members to partially pay for it. Their payment, however, should not begin until after they leave college.

A chapter is better off with a debt which it can carry than it is to have a house given to it outright. A reasonable debt serves as a sort of check to an extravagant tendency, and it teaches the undergraduates business principles which are sure to be valuable to them in the future.

The management of the chapter house project should, however, be left to the alumni in most instances, on account of their riper business experience. The first practical step in the acquisition of a chapter house for either men or women, is the formation of a legal corporation under the laws of the state in which the chapter is located. This insures permanency and provides a body which can legally and properly hold the title to property, and in addition serves to give the organization business standing in the community. The governing body of this corporation should at all times have among its members a representative of the active chapter in order that there should be as close a union as possible between the active members and the alumni.

After the chapter house corporation is properly formed and the enterprise legally launched, it is then time to look for the funds with which to procure the house.

The active chapter should first require each initiate to contribute as much as possible toward the project. Not in cash, but in promissory notes payable yearly during a term of years after leaving college. In many instances, these notes are not negotiable, as usually they do not provide for interest, and the makers thereof are in most cases, minors and could of course exercise their legal right of repudiation upon reaching their majority. There are very few, however, that do not pay these debts, as they are usually regarded as debts of honor.

Solicit your alumni for contributions. Get as much as possible, and where you cannot get cash, try and secure notes payable in installments covering five or ten years. In this way by hard work, several thousand dollars can be accumulated, and property purchased by means of a first mortgage placed upon it. This will be paid off

by the income derived from the note installments coming in. The chapter should of course pay enough rent to the chapter house corporation to insure the payment of interest charges, taxes and repairs.

Many variations of this general plan may be employed, such as selling bonds secured by second mortgage and bearing interest, selling stock, and the like. This general plan, as above outlined, has been employed hundreds of times successfully and will be used hundreds of times more in the future.

Women as a rule shy at a business transaction as a buga-boo, but there is no reason for the college women of today, with their independence and opportunities, to feel that way. They can secure chapter houses just as well as the men, if they will go at it with vim and energy and not think it is such an impossible undertaking. Each sorority has some friends among the men experienced in business, who will always be glad to render aid and advice to their sisters in such an enterprise.

The present development of the secret society system in our colleges and universities is chiefly due to the large number of fraternity houses owned by these organizations. These houses are not merely club houses for the social pleasure of the members, but are homes where young men and women live for nine months in the year, and where they are surrounded by culture, refinement and the proper amount of regulation. If such is not the case in any given instance, then by so much is the influence for good of both the particular society and of the entire system lessened.

This is the era of the secret society. Never have such organizations flourished as they have in recent years. The world generally has come to recognize the fact that these secret organizations are not secret in that they possess grave and important secrets, and are intended to create class and exclusiveness, but that they are simply the banding together of kindred spirits for mutual good and to enable their members to attain success and good fellowship along lines which are good and progressive.

Nothing truer was ever said than that "man is a gregarious animal." These things are especially true of Greek letter organizations, and the chapter house as an institution is a most efficient aid

in helping to build up young manhood and womanhood, providing always of course that the proper atmosphere is maintained in and around these homes.

Fraternities and sororities are generally recognizing the fact that it is a condition absolutely essential to the continued existence and welfare of the fraternity system that a proper moral and intellectual atmosphere be maintained in the chapter houses, where the members shall devote the proper amount of time to study and shall live the lives of Christian men and women, and many of these organizations have called attention to this fact by placing upon their statute books, by their national gatherings, legislation tending to correct chapter house abuses.

It is the duty of the sororities to contribute something to the up-building of the fraternity system, and that something which is of the most importance is the acquisition of chapter houses, and the proper regulation thereof. It is even more necessary that our sisters should have the proper homes during their college days than that we should have them, and it is our firm belief that fraternities generally should do all in their power, both by advice and material aid, to help the girls acquire these homes.

So should the college authorities extend every aid possible, for by so doing, they are saving the institution room and money, and are fostering an institution which is becoming each day a more valuable aid in the general educational scheme. These organizations are always under the control of the college or university authorities, and they would soon die out if the college authorities refused their sanction on account of misconduct or the like. The wise faculty now works with the fraternities and sororities, and not against them. This condition of affairs has been brought about by the fact that our faculties are full of men and women who were members of these organizations when they were in school, and they know that they are founded upon good principles both morally and educationally, and they realize what a force for good they can be made, if conducted properly and made a component part of the college system.

Sororities should be urged to do all in their power to acquire chapter houses. Do not put it off, but let the chapters themselves

start the project. Do not wait for the alumni to start it, for they are busy with the affairs of life. If approached properly, however, they will respond. Don't think it is too big a task because it involves business affairs. It is not, and you can accomplish it as well as the men. Do not hesitate to come into contact with men on a business proposition, for you will find you will succeed as well as they have, if you go at it with energy and determination. Do not try and secure a house beyond your means, and try to carry a burden too heavy to carry safely, just because some rival has a finer home than you can afford.

After all, it is the personnel of your chapter and the standing and strength of your national organization that counts most, and you do not want the girl that joins a sorority solely because of the kind of a chapter house owned or occupied by that sorority.

And finally, do not stay out of a chapter house until you can own one. Rent a house and get used to chapter house life and have a home for your alumnæ when they return to visit you. You will find it will be worth while. You cannot hope to make a home which will give the love and care of a father and mother, but you can make a home where lasting friendships will be formed which will be a source of great pleasure to you in after years.

SAMUEL K. RUICK,

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Greek Letter Spirit

We are indebted to Dr. Colvin of the University of Illinois for the following article.—Ed.]

Stephen S. Colvin

For the non-fraternity man or woman, and even for the undergraduate fraternity student, the question of the value of the Greek societies may be one worthy of serious debate, but for the man who has been away from his alma mater for a decade or more and who has still kept in touch with his fraternity organization, it, this question can hardly be raised in seriousness. To no man a Greek letter fraternity man is it permitted in later life, on rare occasions, to associate with youth on terms of absolute equality to be one of the boys again just as he was a score of years

before, to experience that exquisite joy of being slapped on the back by some mere stripling and be called by the nickname of his college life; to live again in the purple haze of the by-gone years, to be thrilled with the enthusiasm of his earlier days, and to renew faith with those ideals which the practical sense of manhood has too often caused him to doubt. Such a one no cold argument can ever persuade that the influence of a college fraternity is anything but good and wholesome. He can no more doubt its worth than can the patriot question the righteousness of his country or the lover the virtues of his mistress. It is a matter of sentiment, and with sentiment cold logic has little in common.

Although what I have to say about fraternity life in our American universities may be colored by such sentiment and thus may not be an impartial statement, I make no apology for this bias. The best things, after all, cannot be demonstrated, they can only be felt, and I am writing for those who have felt this Greek letter spirit and who, I know, will pardon my prejudice and also pardon any criticism which I may make against fraternity life as it exists today, because such criticism is not from the outside and therefore is sympathetic, not hostile.

The greatest value of fraternity life is, in my mind, the fact that wherever it exists, whether in the small New England college of a few hundred students or in the great universities of the land, that it inspires ideals of fraternity and true fellowship that mean much in undergraduate days and that are often sources of priceless inspiration in after life. In the small college where the students live together on the campus, it has this excuse for its existence, while in the larger institutions, especially in the state universities of the Middle West, where there are no dormitories, few chances for a life in common in the student body as a whole, and where class spirit is weakened by divisions in colleges and schools, the Greek letter fraternity is for many the great socializing and moralizing force in the undergraduate student life. A young man or a young woman coming to one of these great modern schools of higher learning is apt to be completely lost and forgotten in the complexity of the university life. Social and ethical standards are the results of communal

ing and mere abstract principles of trustworthiness or decency no great value where the responsibility to the group is slight. For the freshman, then, who comes from his home town where he knows all the "folks", to the university, it means a great deal to find place in a fraternity and to identify himself with its ideals and purposes. Much has recently been said against the initiating of freshmen into the fraternity, and doubtless from the fraternity standpoint it would often be a distinct advantage for its members to wait and more carefully select the incoming delegation after the "tryout" a year of university life. But for the student this first, and often most important year of his college days, as far as the formation of habits and standards of conduct is concerned, is critical, and I cannot help being of the opinion that within the fraternity he is more apt to form correct habits and worthy standards than he is without. He needs criticism, and generally encouragement, and nowhere can he get these as well as in the chapter house.

But not only is the fraternity a benefit to the individual members who compose its organization, it is generally and should be no small factor in the development and safeguarding the ideals of the student body as a whole. These ideals can develop only within definitely organized groups. The lack of any real student organization as a whole makes it impossible for the undergraduate body as a body to originate and foster such ideals. Their origin must come from within smaller and more definitely integrated bodies, and no student organizations are so thoroughly integrated as are the fraternities. Hence to them must the large universities look more and more for student ideals. The duty and the opportunity of the fraternity under these circumstances is no small one. It cannot overlook the fact nor neglect it without the fraternity and the university alike being the loser.

On the whole the fraternity ideals have been high; higher, I believe, than that of any other student organization in the university. They have for the most part, as I know them, represented the development of the total, as opposed to a one-sided and partial individual; they have always incited the individual members to make themselves leaders in university life as far as it lay within them to do so, and

have in the main expressed the better student sentiment in the activities of the university. Perhaps from the fear of being one-sided and of ignoring some of the finer social graces, fraternities have looked somewhat askance on the narrowly scholastic ambitions of their members and in their desire not to have themselves known as "grinds" and "sharks" in their studies, have gone to the other extreme of placing little value on the obtaining of a high standing in college work. Indeed, the lack of scholastic ideals has been one of the most serious criticisms brought against the Greek letter societies in recent years by administrative officers and instructors. I must confess as I know the facts there is justice in this criticism. "Rushing" arguments, as I am acquainted with them, emphasize more often supremacy on the athletic field, and leadership in student activities in general than they do high scholastic standing and intellectual superiority. Yet there is something to be said on the other side. Few fraternities care to have their members known as distinctly inferior students, and in the sororities in particular there is a somewhat careful supervision over the members as regards their studies, and the young woman who is likely to fall below a passing mark is duly warned and urged on to higher endeavor. I have no statistics at hand to prove my assertion, but I venture the statement that the fraternity students have an average of scholarship as high as that of the non-fraternity students. Though probably they do not have their proportion of the distinctly high grade men and women, they do on the other hand have less of those who make a complete failure of the college work.

Lack of emphasis on scholarly ideals is generally accompanied by an over-emphasis on certain others that are by no means as worthy. In a co-educational institution like the University of Illinois, an undue prominence is given, I believe, to the social standing of the members of the fraternities. I here use the word social in its narrower and less worthy meaning. The fraternities encourage too many dances and formal and informal parties for the physical and intellectual good of the student body. Many of the young women feel that they must demonstrate their superiority by obtaining as many invitations as possible to attend the various university func-

tions, and not a few students are made quite miserable by the fact that they are passed by. The sororities could do much to change all this if they would subordinate this social ideal and, while recognizing its value, not make it the chief distinction of college life. This tendency on the part of the sororities to over-estimate the value of social recognition, is closely connected with the fact that college women have generally been quite willing to imitate the fraternity life of the men, and have never showed sufficient independence. This lack of originality on the part of the women, and their feeling that to succeed they must pattern after and be approved by the men, is particularly a product of co-education, and has been in general the result of a false notion that co-education means identical education. The sororities will do a great service to American universities if they will foster a rational independence and develop, as they are quite capable of doing, a life of their own, thoroughly womanly and self-reliant. Such a spirit would in time, I believe, work a revolution in the social life of our great co-educational institutions, and help to solve some of the problems of which our far-sighted educators are now becoming clearly conscious. The desire to imitate the men and to get favors from them has sometimes led the women of the sororities into a species of petty politics clearly to their own detriment and to the impairment of true womanly ideals.

A common criticism against fraternity life that applies to both men and women is that it fosters undemocratic ideals. For this criticism I have little sympathy. As long as human society exists it will form groups, and rightly too. These small groups are necessary for the proper development of true social ideals. They recognize the inherent difference between individuals, and allow for a certain proper sort of aristocracy which is of the greatest value. But this aristocracy should be one of high-mindedness, and not snobbishness. The world has no use for the snob, but the true aristocrat who values his own worth, and because he values it is willing to give his time and thought for the service of the wider community of which he is also a member, has a distinct and important place in any community. I believe that in general the fraternity men and women have been a picked class, and it is not to their discredit that they have recognized

the fact. There are always unworthy members of every group that bring discredit on it, and these have by their acquired superiority, a superiority not intrinsic, done much harm. But this assumed superiority is not the true fraternity spirit. The true spirit is expressed rather in a feeling of confidence in the genuine worth of the fraternity and in a desire to do all that one can to further its interests by "making good" in the university life as a whole, to show a magnanimous and courageous spirit, and not to put on the guise of superiority, but rather to show that superiority by deeds of merit.

The true spirit of aristocracy which places a high value on the fraternity and considers membership in it a real badge of distinction, leads the Greek letter men and women to subordinate their own personal wishes to those of the body of which they form a part. They are willing to give of their time, thought, and money, generously. Often the first genuine acts of self-sacrifice come to the student as a member of a fraternity. Democracy is essentially selfish, at least in its lower forms of manifestation. I have often felt that the average student of a state university, who gets his whole education at a very slight cost, has for that very reason got a wrong idea of his relation to the institution. He is there for what he personally can get out of it, and even if he has to sacrifice to get his education, his self-denial is for himself and is not a very magnanimous sort of a thing. The fraternity man, however, cannot have such an attitude toward the organization of which he is a part,—at least the majority cannot have it, if the fraternity is to exist. The fraternity man must learn that it is not what he gets out of the fraternity, but what he puts into it that sums up his relation to it. This spirit which he develops within the fraternity he is likely to carry beyond the walls of the chapter house into the university community and into the broader life of the state and nation.

Closely connected with aristocratic ideals there has gone with fraternity life in our American institutions the ideal of secrecy. The fraternity has been a thing apart, and for that reason something a little less than sacred in the eyes of the initiated. In the days of the anti-Masonic agitation that swept over this country, the Greek letter societies met decided opposition because of their secret nature. To-

day the matter of secrecy is not taken very seriously by the world at large, and in my opinion not as seriously as it should be by the fraternity members themselves. There should be something like a religious sentiment in the fraternity life,—somewhere a holy of holies that expresses in a significant way the higher aspirations for which the fraternity stands. No fraternity house should be a mere club. Its architecture should be distinctive and its assembly room should be as far from the commonplace as possible. Amid such surroundings as these the true Greek letter spirit is far more apt to be developed than in the conventional settings of the work-a-day world.

The number of Greek letter fraternities is increasing in most institutions, in some very rapidly. This is an indication of their worth and on the whole is doubtless a sign of health. Yet there is danger in too great numbers. An institution in which the majority of the student body are members of fraternities will not probably have as strong chapters as the one where the membership is confined to perhaps one-third of the student body, for example. If the fraternity is to be something apart, it cannot be too common. Let there be as many clubs in an institution as there are different groups capable of entering into intimate relations; let the number of national fraternities, however, be limited, if the true Greek letter spirit is to be kept alive.

It does not seem to me to be merely an accident that the great national college fraternities have adopted the letters of the Greek alphabet as their symbols, and Greek words as their mottoes. There is in the spirit which they should express a true Hellenism, a spirit which the modern world sadly needs, and which it is not apt to get. Hellenism embodies itself most fully in the conception of the high-minded man whose consciousness of his own dignity and worth make him a true citizen of a state of free men. Dignity, courage, reliance, consideration, were the virtues that animated him. He could not be petty or ignoble, because he felt the nobility of his own life. It is this sort of a Hellenism combined with the Christian virtues of brotherhood and service that most fully express the ideals to which a Greek letter man and woman should aspire. These are not trivial and cannot be assumed lightly. In so far as they are striven after,

in so far will the future of our national fraternities be assured, and to the extent in which they are realized will the life of our American universities be the better.

STEPHEN S. COLVIN.

The Season in Berlin

A student coming to Germany in search of its traditions, romance and atmosphere, would do well to hunt out the smaller towns, the out-of-the-way places; Berlin does not give it. It is an essentially up-to-date, modern, comfortable city, the most so in all Europe it is said, and in being so of course loses some of the other qualities.

However, the atmosphere the student of music seeks in the way of concerts, opera and the like is surely to be found in the fullest sense in Berlin. The array of concerts during the winter season (often so many desirable ones in the same evening that it is difficult to choose which one to attend), and the two opera houses open the year around, offer a musical feast with which he will undoubtedly satiate himself the first season.

He must not be shocked to notice the German going to hear his Wagner or Beethoven with a sandwich of cheese or ham tucked carefully away in his pocket, with which he refreshes himself between acts, or numbers of the concert program. He reverences and loves his Wagner none the less, but "das Essen" is a very essential point with him, and takes place many times during the day. The number of American students one sees at these concerts, makes up half of the Berlin concert-going public, and one hears English spoken on every side.

Of the pianists whose concerts have been the most interesting and have drawn the largest audiences in Berlin during the season, are those of Carreno, Busoni, Godowsky, and Sauer. Carreno appeared twice with the Philharmonic Orchestra under Nikisch, also giving a Klavier Abend. As she has been for some years a great favorite with Berlin audiences, these concerts were the signal for the usual



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Third Row—Vera Frey, Bessie Rundall, Clara Dunsworth, Palma Gross, Mabel Stone,
Hedwig Brenneman, Blanche Simpson, Beta Brothers.

demonstration. Busoni gave a series of Klavier Abends which were unusually interesting from the fact that the two programs were devoted to Liszt's "Annees de Pelerinage," the entire series being given, which is a rare occurrence, if it ever has occurred before at all.

At the opera, undoubtedly the most talked of event was the production of Richard Strauss's "Electra." It has been termed an "orchestral nightmare," and with a certain degree of right, for as an opera in which one would expect to hear any beautiful singing parts it certainly is not. It goes much further than Salome in defiance of all operatic tradition, and might be termed an orchestral piece with voice accompaniment. A singer in order to sing the role would surely have to be the possessor of absolute pitch and a pretty safe vocal method, or a few performances of Electra would probably be her last on the operatic stage.

The writer chanced to hear immediately the following night after having heard Electra, the "Orpheus and Eurydice" of Gluck with Shumann-Heink in the title role, and as the pure beautiful strains of this (one of the oldest operas produced on the stage today) came floating out, one could not help but remark the contrast and feel that this was the *real music*.

I should like to say a word to Alpha Chis who intend coming abroad for the study of music, of the importance of coming well prepared, and advancing yourself as far as possible in your own country under some good teacher. Unless you are well advanced, you cannot study here under the big teachers, and will fall to the lot of an assistant teacher, or the unscrupulous foreign musician, many of whom make a profession of bleeding American students of their money, and then turning them abroad upon the world, musical wrecks. It is generally known here that the Americans and English pay about double the price for their lessons that the German does. He would not pay forty marks or ten dollars per lesson (which is the average price of the best teachers) in the first place, and does not have to in the second. If the writer could tell you the number of instances of musical fraud that have come under her observation here you would undoubtedly be shocked, and as Americans are generally the victims, it makes the patriotic American's blood fairly boil. Voice students are more

often the victims, as a voice is the most easily ruined. A recent instance of this is the case of a young and attractive girl of sweet personality, who has been studying for two years under a vocal teacher well known and well advertised in America. This girl was possessed of a very pretty voice, and had a lesson every day, paying one hundred dollars per month for the same. She was assured that at the end of two years she would be ready for the concert stage, and given written recommendations. Needless to say when the time came, and the teacher had reaped a small fortune from the pupil, she was not only not prepared for the concert stage, but the voice a wreck, and even the written recommendations were refused.

A certain famous pianist here requires prospective pupils to pay for a series of ten lessons in advance, at the rate of ten dollars per lesson, and then goes a concert touring, remaining away the greater part of the winter. Naturally the lessons he gives at all are to the most advanced pupils, the others having to take theirs out with the assistant (who is not as good as the average teacher in the United States), or lose their money altogether.

The more such things are spread abroad, the more will American students begin to realize the necessity of a thorough grounding in music in a good conservatory in their own land first, so that on coming abroad they will be able to judge and know what kind of work they want, and when they are getting the right kind. Also to be satisfied that the person with whom they select to study is honest and conscientious, and not of a mercenary character. The best remedy for all of this would be to have the best musical advantages in our own country, but that, it will of course take time to bring about.

With love and greetings to all Alpha Chis,

WINIFRED BYRD, Zeta.

Berlin, May 24, 1909.

History of the University of California

On March 23, 1868, the Governor of California signed a bill which incorporated the College of California into the University of California, and transferred to the state the properties, including the site now occupied in Berkeley.

The University was at first located in Oakland, until in 1873 it was removed to its present location. Its first building was North Hall, which has retained its reputation as the center of college life and activities, forming the bond of union between the many colleges on the campus.

In 1879 a new constitution established its organization as perpetual. From this time on, the growth of the University has been great, although more noticeably so in the last few years. College after college has been created and new buildings have been added to accommodate them.

The first colleges were those of Civil Engineering and Letters. These are now only two of ten, not including the Lick Astronomical Department at Mount Hamilton, nor the affiliated Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy, Law, Dentistry, and Art, in San Francisco.

The Campus, which was a part of the original grant, rises from 200 feet above the sea to 900 feet and commands a beautiful outlook of San Francisco Bay and the Golden Gate. The buildings are about half way up the slope of the Campus.

Many and rich have been the gifts and donations to the University. Besides an annual income of three per cent. of the state taxes, private benefactors have given their aid to the University. Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst and her son, William R. Hearst, have given the Hearst Greek Theater, the Hearst Memorial Mining Building, and the women's gymnasium—Hearst Hall—to the University. The Kearney estate, valued at \$1,000,000, was left to the University for an Agricultural Experiment Station. The Doe Library is being erected through the aid of Charles F. Doe. The Boalt Memorial Hall of Law has just been started. These buildings are part of the Greater University, the plans for which Mrs. Hearst has provided. From the heroic beginnings at North Hall, the University has in-

creased to such an extent that twenty-seven buildings can accommodate the students only with difficulty.

To show how the attendance of the women has increased, I will cite the case as it was in 1866, when there were only 37 women students among 500 undergraduates. Now there are 3,000 undergraduates, 1,300 of whom are women.

At the University of California there are eleven women's fraternities and twenty-three men's fraternities. Under such favorable conditions we can only hope for the great success and long life of Alpha Chi Omega.

RUE RANDALL CLIFFORD, II.

History of La Solana

La Solana Club was established at the University of California in October, 1903. There were thirteen charter members, and in January, 1904, these girls, with a chaperone, moved into a house near the campus, which has been the home of the club ever since.

There has been an average of thirteen girls in the house each term since the club was organized. It has never been our policy to take in any girls whose homes were in Berkeley, so that all the members have lived in the house. In all there are over forty La Solana girls, about two-thirds of this number being graduates of the University.

La Solana has always been represented in several of the various organizations of the University, such as the German Clubs, in which our girls have always taken an active part. All the members of these clubs are elected. In Y. W. C. A. the girls have taken an interest, and there are usually some of the girls either holding an important office or serving on committees. Our girls have also been represented in the Treble Clef and the University Chorus, the only two musical organizations open to women students.

As a club La Solana always aimed to get all-around college girls of high ideals, believing a sacrifice of large membership better than



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any sacrifice of standard. Our petition to A X Ω was our first, and it was made only after an exhaustive study of the fraternity whose ideals and position in the fraternity world we found to be very high.

The house clubs of the University of California are not organized for the purpose of eventually becoming a chapter of a national fraternity, but simply to provide a college home for a number of congenial girls who feel the need of it. Nevertheless, many of these clubs, after having existed for a number of years as a local organization, begin to look toward a national fraternity. This we did, when we were sure that the fraternity we desired to enter was one which we would be proud to belong to.

La Solana is glad to become a part of this great sisterhood and is eager to help in maintaining her high standards. Pi Chapter sincerely hopes to be a strong, not a weak, link in the bond of Alpha Chi Omega.

FERN ENOS, Pi.

Installation of Pi Chapter

It was a happy group of five Alpha Chis who, with arms full of scarlet carnations for the "new" girls, boarded "The Owl" at five o'clock Thursday afternoon, May 6th, bent upon the interesting mission of installing a new chapter. A large delegation of relatives and Alpha Chi sisters came down to see us off, for the Los Angeles Alpha Chis were intensely interested at the prospect of having a chapter so near (to us in the East five hundred miles seems a good distance, but out here in the West it does not seem so far). The "five" consisted of Carrie Trowbridge, Anne Sheppard, Rowena Hall, Olive Berryman, and myself. The enthusiasm of $\Delta \Delta$ in sending two delegates delighted us.

Upon our arrival in Oakland, about eight o'clock Friday morning, we were met at the station by Mrs. Lida Bosler Hunter (an Alpha alumna living in Berkeley), Edith Brown, and Beatrice Bo-carde (two "La Solana" girls), who conducted us to the La Solana.

house near the campus in Berkeley. The house charmed us all, being an attractive, typical California home finished in the natural redwood. There we were glad to meet the motherly chaperone, Mrs. Norton, and the rest of the girls, for whom we soon learned to have a deep regard.

The rest of the morning was spent in decorating the large living room and in preparing for the initiation; while soon after lunch we conducted the pledging ceremony, and were all proud to see the scarlet and olive bows in prominence upon the following fifteen girls:

Beatrice Bocarde, Edith Brown, Marguerite Creighton, Rue Clifford, Fern Enos, Marion Hitchcock, Byrd Howell, Bess Kentner, Eda Long, Leone Kelly, Ethel Gillis, Gertrude Rice, Mary Stafford, Alice Streets, and Elsie Williams.

After an enthusiastic singing of "She's Pledged to Alpha Chi," we all went to "Extravaganza" practice in the Greek Theater. "Extravaganza" was a musical comedy written, conducted and given by the Senior class of the University of California, and as we had four Seniors, one of whom had a solo part, we were all much interested. It is hard to pass over the subject of the Greek Theater without a few words of description, for it is a decidedly unique auditorium built of concrete in the old Greek open-air style, having a seating capacity of ten thousand, and reminds one of that glorious old Coliseum in Rome.

Upon returning to the house a pre-entrance examination was given to the girls later in the afternoon, and at eight o'clock in the evening everything was in readiness for our beautiful initiation ceremony, which was very effectively carried out with the added assistance of Mrs. Lida Bosler Hunter (Alpha), Miss Lucretia Drown (Beta), Mrs. Theo. White Lillard (Delta), and Mrs. Nellie Green Wheeler (Epsilon), all of whom live in or near Berkeley. We regretted that absence from her home in San Francisco made it impossible for Mrs. Gerda Hoffman (Theta) to be with us. The musical part of the service was well rendered by Rowena Hall as soprano and Carrie Trowbridge as pianist. Following the ceremony came the joyful singing of our dear Alpha Chi songs and then we all went into the dining-room, where dainty refreshments were served, our

"new girls" expressing their delight in being "really Alpha Chis" and in being privileged to wear our beautiful golden lyre.

Since several of the girls had examinations on Saturday morning and thus we could not have a full meeting, we visiting Alpha Chis spent several hours in "Frisco," returning, however, in time to hold the first business meeting of Pi Chapter from one to three. During this time officers were elected and as many departments of the work as possible brought up and explained.

From four to six the Chapter gave a reception to the faculty women and to the other fraternity girls, all of whom we were glad to meet, for we were anxious to know the friends of our new sisters.

At eight o'clock that evening occurred the Installation Banquet in the chapter house (as it is the custom at University of California for the women's fraternities not to hold banquets in hotels), and I wish you all could have enjoyed it with us and have seen that beautifully decorated table, bright with our scarlet and olive in a profusion of carnations and smilax, and the attractive toast programs in the shape of lyres, carrying out our colors; but, most attractive of all, the twenty-five bright, happy faces around the table.

After enjoying to the fullest extent the delicious menu, we turned our attention to the following interesting toasts, Byrd Howell acting as toast-mistress:

"La Solana"	Edith Brown
"Epsilon and Pi"	Olive Berryman
"In After Years"	Miss Carrie Trowbridge
"Ye Daughters of Music. Come Up Higher" ..	Elsie Williams
"Our Founders"	Mrs. Lida B. Hunter
"Alpha Chi Omega"	Miss Mabel Siller

Then, after telegrams and letters of congratulations from the Grand Council and other chapters were read, the Pi girls (according to their college custom) sang the following to their chaperone and to each of us visiting Alpha Chis present:

"Here's to you, _____,
 Here's to you, our jovial friend,
 We'll sing before this merry, merry company,
 We'll sing before we part
 Here's to you. _____."

After the rousing Alpha Chi yells we all gathered in the parlor for an informal musical program, rendered by Mrs. Lillard, Rue Clifford, and Rowena Hall, and closing with Alpha Chi songs.

The girls were happy to receive many flowers and congratulations from the other fraternities at the University, and an Alpha Chi pennant from Epsilon Chapter.

Three of us accepted the urgent invitation of the girls to remain at the chapter house through Commencement week. So, Sunday afternoon, we enjoyed the Baccalaureate exercises in the Greek Theater; Monday morning we had a business meeting, and spent the afternoon in "Frisco"; Tuesday morning, after another business meeting, we viewed the pretty Senior Pilgrimage in which the Senior girls dressed in white, and the men in dark coats and white trousers, marched to different buildings on the campus, where speeches were given; while in the afternoon we attended delightful receptions given by $\Delta K E$, $B \Theta \Pi$, and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, in their attractive chapter houses; and in the evening we all went to the "Extravaganza," a very good entertainment, beautifully staged and very fascinating in the Greek Theater with its many electric lights and with the tall pines waving beyond the stage.

Wednesday morning we had still another business meeting, after which, those who were less busy than I, attended the Commencement exercises, at which two of our four Seniors graduated with "special honor." Later we three visiting Alpha Chis enjoyed a delightful luncheon at the home of Mrs. Lillard in Oakland, and from there we went directly to the station, where Pi Chapter added one more to their many kindnesses when two of the girls came down to bid us good-bye, bringing a box of delicious candy with love from all the girls.

It is needless to say that the main topics of conversation on the homeward trip were the cordial refinement of our new sisters, our faith in their ability to be a strong chapter, and the wish that every Alpha Chi could be benefited by the inspiring experience of assisting at an installation.

MABEL HARRIET SILLER, Γ

Grand Historian.



THETA

Foster, Maude Klevn, Louise Van Voorhis, Katherine Anderson, Jennie Grandon, Anne Voelker, Mabel Spafford, Jane Harris, Jean Tuttle,
 Helen Paterson, Mamie Hyde, Fleeta Lamb, Hazel Carter, Josephine Gerow, Edith Leonard, Irene Connell, Alice Yaple, Nell Merrill, Vera Fox,
 Jennie



ZETA

Christine Montgomery, Anna May Cook, Hazel Wynn, Leslie Newton, Margaret Webb, Brenda Newton, Lella Preston, Alice Faubus, Edna Bolander,
 Josephine Durrell, Lillian Giverson, Louise Imhoff, Esmé Ellis, Carrie Omynd, Carrie Alton, Elizabeth Schuster,
 Olive Butler, Alice Mordant.



The Fraternity Girl Out of School

Every one of us has some ideal with regard to the fraternity girl, and somehow we always seem to associate this example of our highest esteem with the girl at school.

Of course, it is at the school that we see her and her sisters most, and for that reason more than any other we are inclined to neglect her when she has finished her studies and is at home, where she may be enjoying her well-earned rest, or, taking new responsibilities, as the case may be.

While at school it is not so hard to live up to the standard,—our schedule can be carried out, we have our regular meetings and are coming in constant contact with our sisters. We live up to a regular routine—when our day's work is planned and carried out we are free, and naturally this methodical work gives us time for enjoyment, in amusing ourselves or helping others, either in their studies or cheering the homesick girl, and at the end we feel righteously happy.

Then, vacation comes. We say good-bye to our sisters and start for home feeling as though a great world of care had been lifted from our shoulders—but here we must stop and think. In school we have tried to live up to our ideals, and we were known and understood; but now we are on our way home, where we may be the only representative of our chapter or college. Perhaps no one has any particular reason for thinking that our fraternity is so very much better than any other society—in fact, they may be inclined to believe that fraternity life is one useless existence for pleasure.

Now the fraternity girl should realize her vast responsibilities; she no longer has her sisters to help her out, but must stand alone, staunch and true, with the real determination of attaining her ideal. If she is a girl who goes home to spend most of her time in pleasure,

she must not forget her sisters, especially those that are not as fortunate as herself, for—

A cheery word will oft bring a smile
To the eyes that are sad with many a trial;
While from the heart will spring a song
Which will brighten and gladden the whole day long.

This does not refer to her chapter sisters alone, but to her other classmates, who have had to return to their homes and may be their school-days are their holidays, as vacation means to them harder work.

Then again, there is the girl that goes home to help mother. She has been living a nicely mapped-out existence for quite a while; everything has been done in a nice program style. When she arrives home, little things constantly occur which upset her plans and she is inclined to get cross; but here is where the fraternity girl shows her sterling qualities—she will have a cheerful word for all and a special smile for mother, for, just think, she has had to deal with these annoyances all year!

She must show what fraternity life has done for her; how coming in close contact with others has made her broad-minded, cheerful in spirit, kind with sympathy, and quick to note another's wants.

To show how much example means, I cannot help repeating a little experience of a friend of mine. She was a real Fraternity girl, of refined and wealthy parents, and she had been invited to spend a month with a cousin of hers that lived on a large ranch in another state. Her cousin's father was one of the real ranchers, well-to-do, but so taken up with his work that he had become "sot" in his ways. He had sent his daughter to a small college, about a day's journey from home, much against the dictations of his conscience and contrary to the persuasions and arguments of his neighbors, but Mabel had coaxed, and of course been allowed to go. After she had been away some time, she asked her father's permission to join some local sorority. This he would not permit, as he thought it would fill her head with all sorts of silly nonsense.

When summer came, he invited his niece, my friend, to his home, hoping to give Mable some real pleasure. My friend went,

and had a glorious time, finding it pleasant and beneficial to wait upon herself. She proved a constant source of entertainment for her aunt and uncle, and a loving companion for Mable. One day, when they were very busy on the ranch, she went out to the dairy and helped her aunt. While there her uncle chanced by, and of course stopped and chatted. He watched her for a while and then, rather abruptly, said:

"Where did you go to school?"

She told him.

"And do they have sororities there?"

"Why, of course they do, Uncle."

"Do you belong to one?"

"Indeed I do," was her enthusiastic reply.

He sat and brooded for a while, when she presently heard him remark:

"She seems a real sensible girl, has no foolish notions in her head, in fact, she is a regular thoroughbred,—yet she belongs to a sorority!"

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"H'm; guess I'll send Mable to that school next year and have her join the same sorority."

Mable went and is one of the best fraternity girls in the school.

EMMA WILLIAMS, Epsilon.

The Rushing Season

The privilege, the responsibility, and the problem of selecting new sisters in Alpha Chi Omega comes year by year with added seriousness to every thoughtful girl of every thoughtful chapter. She is choosing for herself and for her chapter, girls who will be with them through their college days. But she is doing more. She is choosing for every Alpha Chi in the universe, sisters who will remain sisters after school-days have become a mere incident. They must stand the test of life and become an honor or a reproach to other wearers of the lyre, and especially to their own chapter. Sending

the invitation, therefore, is no trivial thing. It should follow only the most careful and thoughtful consideration.

Existing conditions seem to demand the present system of "rushing." Competition between fraternities means that the acquaintance of new girls must be made early. Done in the right manner, this becomes an advantage to all concerned. Last year's girls are by nature entirely too prone to keep selfishly to last year's chums, leaving this year's girl to find friends for herself or cry away her lonesomeness. It is well when something requires attention to the stranger. But are our members chosen in the wisest possible manner when, in a few busy, excited days, first impressions determine decisions, and pledging becomes a part of the opening year? Experience seems rather to prove that the more desirable plan is a pledge day fixed at from two to six months after school begins, preceded by this long period of moderate but thoughtful rushing. For obvious reasons, such a plan is not practicable unless it is uniform among the leading sororities of a school. In no other way could the competition be fair. But if college girls could see the superiority of it, a Pan-Hellenic rule could be brought about in almost any institution. Let us, then, consider the advantages which this late pledge day would bring to the fraternity and to the school.

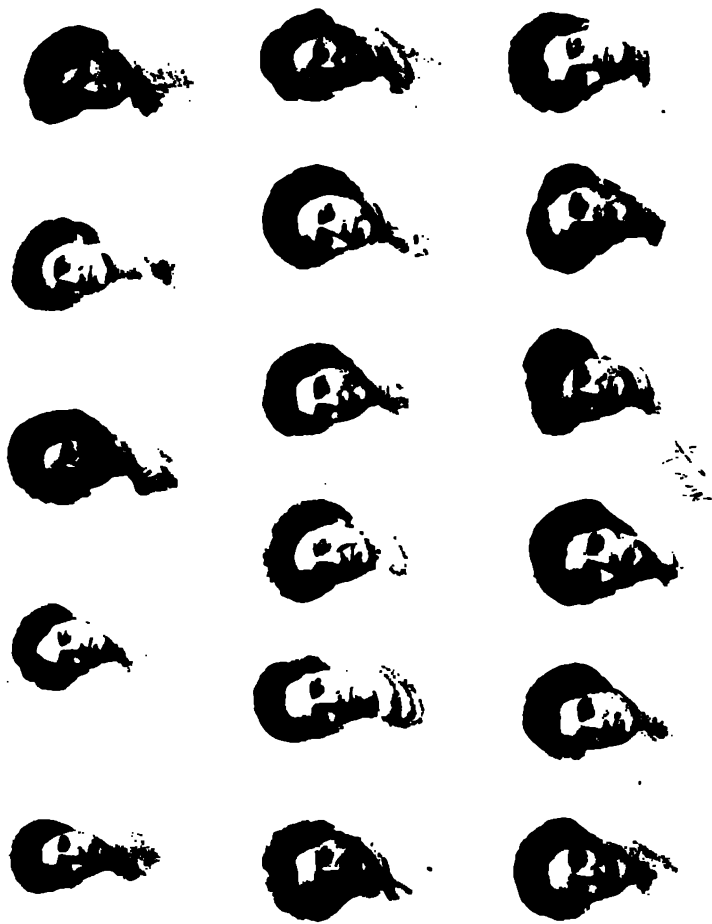
After ample time for observation and consideration the girls make decisions more carefully. Voting is no light matter when it terminates months of deliberation. There attaches to it a seriousness which our fraternity deserves. The long period also furnishes a spur to the chapter, for new girls are watching. After a few weeks superficial superiorities cease to impress. And so every girl strives to make her chapter true and honorable.

From the standpoint of the new girl comes another argument. Imagine a pretty little maiden entering the Freshman class. She is immediately invited, sought, lavishly entertained. Her marvelous popularity turns the head just from High School and she develops traits which proclaim her not desirable to all the chapter. She is "dropped." She is disappointed and surprised. Cannot her once ardent friends be justly censured? Yet they had been compelled to learn all they could of her at once. Would not a longer rushing



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Greta Gyer, Ethel Lansing, Harriet Buel, Mary Griffith, Ruth Baneroff, Myra Jones,
 Ruth Hutchins, Isabel Reid, Mabel Wheeler, Adah Thomsen, Ina Weyrauch, Millie Stobbins,
 Grace Young, Flora Kaufhold, Ruth Harlow, Martha Lee, Helen Cunningham, Louise Sanders, Jane Wood,
 Mildred Moody, Mary Shafer, Grace Griffith, Ethel McCoy, Margaret Nau.



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First Row—Lula Watson, Carrie Irma McBride, Bessie Shell, Fern Ock, Carrie Ida McHelle,
 Second Row—Mildred McFadon, Lora Hugler, Ethel McFadon, Myrtle Schimelfenbe.

season remedy this? With plenty of time, friendships can be made more slowly, more surely, and less obtrusively. Let us always be sincere.

But the most important reason is none of these. This order of affairs means that girls are judged from different standpoints. First impressions are governed almost entirely by appearances, and every girl is attracted by fine clothes and a pretty face. But are these qualifications adequate for an Alpha Chi? It is deplorable that our choices should ever be made on such a basis. Our ideals are higher. We must have girls of character, girls who are respected, honored, and loved. And we cannot read a character in a day. It takes time to prove friends, to seek out those who are worth while. And let us earnestly strive to hold up the high ideals of our fraternity by offering our loved lyre only to those girls whom time has proven truly worthy. It is but a safe and sane conclusion when we declare that justice to ourselves and to all sisters in our band pleads for wise and thoughtful rushing, and for a judiciously adjusted pledge day.

FERN OGG, Mu.

The Ideal Alpha Chi

All of we Alpha Chi girls have our ideals and our standards, to which we look up and by which we try to regulate our lives. In each individual girl, these ideals will differ as her character differs, but there are, nevertheless, some standards to which every Chi can aim and strive to attain.

First, my ideal Alpha Chi is the girl who knows things. I do not mean that she is especially bright in all things, nor brilliant along one line of work, but simply that she has a store of everyday knowledge, which will stand by her in crises. She is one who can think and reason for herself.

Then, she is the girl who does things. When college life calls, when professors call, when sisters call, or when friends call, she is ready for action and immediate action, whether the task be simple or difficult. In fact, I would have her one in a "Minute Brigade."

She is the girl who stands out in the lives of those who know her as unselfish, self-reliant, and helpful.

Thirdly, the ideal Chi is the girl who is strong. Strong in her convictions of right and wrong; strong in her personal character; strong intellectually and spiritually. Physical strength may be placed as minor, perhaps, because sometimes we ourselves are not so responsible for that side of our make-up, as for the other two. But one who stands fast, who is not self-willed, one who is not blown about by every wind of decision which arises, she is the strong Chi.

And the ideal Chi will be true. She will stand fast as a rock. True to her neighbor, herself, and her God. The girl who lives thus is one who cannot resort to underhanded or petty means for self attainment. She will neither act nor tell an untruth, but will shun it as a viper.

Lastly, she is the girl who can be a sister. Perhaps to be a sister in the true sense of the word, means the combination of these qualities mentioned. It does, but it also means that the girl shall look at her sister's works from her sister's point of view. That is, she must not think that her point of view is the "one and only." I do not mean that one shall change her standard, but that she shall realize that her sister has hers and lives accordingly.

Thought, both serious and gay; action, both immediate and deliberate; strength, intellectually and spiritually; truth; and sisterhood; these are my ideals for the Chi girl.

MILDRED O. MOODY, Lambda.

Who Shall Be the Future Alpha Chis?

Since our banquet we have been realizing more fully what Alpha Chi really means and stands for, and we have had many serious thoughts concerning how we may best live up to the resolves we were inspired to make that evening.

We love our fraternity, and the friendships we find in its circle mean so much to us that we cannot but wonder what girls will next enter the bond, enjoy the companionship of the sisters, and profit by their works. And yet, we need not wonder, for it is in our power to choose those whom we feel will with loyalty and enthusiasm, uphold the honor and worth of their chapter; those who are broad-minded and who realize the wonderful opportunity which is theirs as college women.

The college must not be subordinated to the fraternity, nor the fraternity to the college. There is a place for each in our lives and they must occupy that place alone, in order that the best results may follow. Our girls must exert their powers in the class-room, be interested in all which concerns their college, and as far as possible, take part in every phase of its life; for thus they will bring honor and credit to themselves, their fraternity, and their college.

May they be able to distinguish the things which really count from the shallow and frivolous, and make the most of their advantages; this will bring success to themselves and mean success to our fraternity, which is one step in the fulfillment of its ideal. This ideal is the attainment of the highest development, mentally, morally, and physically, and should be the aim of each individual girl.

So let us feel our great responsibility as active Alpha Chis, and be sure that beneath the culture and outward life our girls have an inward life which is pure and noble, and a character strong and true.

Thus Alpha Chi will ever

"Be a true fraternity,
Binding ne'er to sever
Through eternity."

FLORENCE DAVIS, Xi.

The Chaperon

Much careful attention should be given to the selection of a chaperon for the coming year. Beware the coward—that dear, hopelessly sweet creature, who lies awake nights afraid to give much needed advice, lest the girls might not like her, or that she might hurt their feelings, or because she fears one of the girls might go off into a case of nerves.

If the chaperon thus neglects her duty, it is apt to cause friction by thus placing the responsibility upon the older girls, an unsatisfactory state of affairs, because sisterly advice, though generously bestowed, is sparingly received.

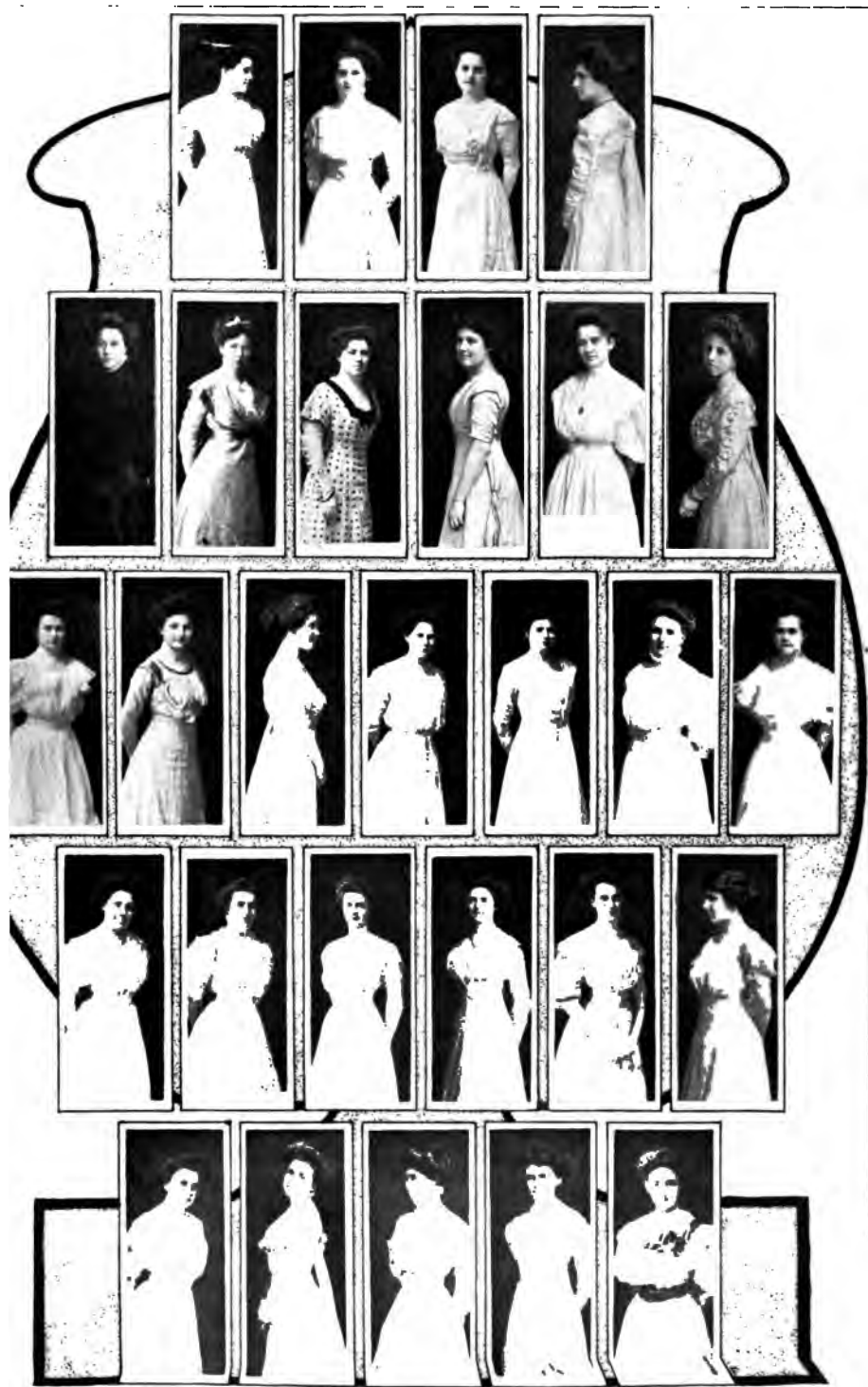
We hold that the fraternity takes the place of the home and its influences during a girl's university life, and it is the chaperon who must take the place of the girl's mother. So, girls, beware of the chaperon who is afraid.

Try to get a chaperon who understands your work and your difficulties—one who can advise you intelligently.

MABLE SARAH DORAN, Xi.

Examination Averages

87	Alpha.	89	Kappa.
87	Beta.	91	Lambda.
87	Gamma.	93	Mu.
83	Delta.	89	Nu.
90	Epsilon.	96	Xi.
86	Zeta.	97	Omicron (all pre-entrance ex.)
92	Theta.	91	Pi (all pre-entrance ex.)
89	Iota.		





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ALUMNAE DEPARTMENT

**Teaching the Blind**

Teaching blind children is very interesting work. To me it continues to have the charm of novelty despite my long experience at it. In the continued close association of life in a school for the blind, one forgets the affliction, to a degree, or at least, learns to think of it in the light of opportunity. Blind young people are a cheerful, jolly lot, especially when in the pleasant environments of the school where everything is arranged for their comfort and convenience. In this respect I am speaking of young blind people. Naturally, if the sight is lost in mature years, the realization of the loss is keener, and the difficulty of doing without it much greater; consequently, cheerfulness may not always be a characteristic of adult blind, though it is the rule so far as my experience is concerned.

I realize occasionally, from the questions asked by strangers, that the common everyday happenings in a school for the blind are interesting. Many things seem perfectly natural to me that excite interest and surprise in those unfamiliar with the work and life. There are two questions asked of me frequently by visitors at the school, which indicate an erroneous popular opinion. They are: "Do blind people learn their music by ear?" and "Blind people are very musical, are they not?" These questions do not always come from ignorant people, by any means, so it may not come amiss for me to say here that blind people have just as scientific and intellectual methods of studying music as seeing people have; and that blind people as a class have no more innate musical ability than may be found among the same number of seeing people. To be sure, we find a blind prodigy occasionally, but they are not the ones by which to judge the class. It is not unusual for a blind child to have a keen ear for pitch, nor for one to acquire absolute pitch, but this does not

necessarily mean musical ability, though it is often mistaken for it. By far the greater number of cases of blindness is caused by disease and accident, and very few are born blind. After the sight is taken away, the hearing becomes more acute, because of its greater use, and so music appeals to the sightless especially. But the acute ear does not always bring musical talent, or temperament, with it.

Every child in our school is taught to sing, if there is any "sing" in him. The first regular music work is the Primary Chorus Class, where they are taught rote songs. After the child has learned, in the Literary department, to read by touch the raised print called Braille, he is taught to read music also with his fingers. This Braille print is a system of raised dots, having some of the combined principles of telegraphy and stenography. The literary Braille and music Braille look exactly alike on the page. Braille notation is taught to the blind just as staff notation is taught to the seeing. It takes the place of staff notation and bears no resemblance to it whatever. When a pupil is practicing, the Braille music is held in the lap while he sits at the instrument. While reading with the fingers of one hand, he plays on the instrument with the other hand, memorizing as he reads. The same passage may have to be re-read many times before it is thoroughly memorized. Right here let me say that the ability to memorize varies as greatly among the blind as it does among the seeing. It is mainly a matter of training and concentration. After a passage has been memorized for one hand, the corresponding part for the other hand is read and memorized in the same way, then the parts for the two hands put together from memory.

Aside from the method of reading music a blind pupil is now taught much the same as a sighted one, though their advantages in this respect are of a comparatively recent date. It is not many years since the custom was for the teacher to sit by the pupil at the instrument and "just be eyes" for him, that is, the teacher would tell the pupil note by note what to play, dictating over and over, if need be, until the piece was memorized. By that method a blind person was always dependent on some one else in learning new music, but now he can learn to be as independent as a seeing person in that respect. A great deal of the best music is published in the Braille notation,

and if a piece of music is desired that is not published in that form, it may be very readily written by hand by a blind person if a seeing person will dictate to him from the staff copy.

The writing is done by hand with what is called a "Braille slate," and stylus. This slate is two oblong pieces of light metal, hinged together at one end. The under piece is full of depressed dots in straight lines, and the upper piece has equi-distant holes of regular size and shape. Paper is placed between the two leaves of this slate, then with the stylus—which is a pointed instrument like a common knitting needle with a knob on the upper end—dots are pressed into the paper, the stylus being guided by the holes or "cells" in the slate. As the dots are pressed down into the paper it has to be turned over to be read on the embossed side with the fingers, hence the writing has to be done backward—from right to left—and the characters all reversed.

One day I was dictating Grieg's "Morning" from the Peer Gynt Suite to a young lady pupil for her to transpose from staff into Braille. She was writing along as rapidly as could be, and, to all appearances, very mechanically, when suddenly she raised her sightless face with an animated expression, and said, "O, what a queer chord that was you just read. It sounds like the whistle of the Pere Marquette train that comes in at 7:15." We were neither of us near a piano and I had never played the piece for her. She was simply hearing it as she wrote it. She was exceptionally keen at that and could read her music in her room where she had no instrument, then go to a practice room and play from memory. That is a rare gift, however.

Many blind young people become fairly proficient in some line of music study who would probably never have made anything of it if they had had their sight, because, in the different condition, their preferences would lead them to turn their attention to other things. Every pupil in the school has the privilege of private lessons in piano, organ, voice and orchestral instruments. Some are found to have no ability whatever. Many have not enough to warrant their spending their time and strength and the energy of the teacher on it. All those who show at least average musical ability are given private

lessons and if they do good work they may continue their special study of music as long as they remain in school.

The sphere of the blind in the world's economics is only beginning to be properly considered by a thinking public. There is a new attitude of thought regarding them which admits that they need no longer be a drag on the commonwealth, but that they may be made a helpful, independent, and self-respecting class of people. All this through education of the blind and of the people.

GRACE A. BROWN.

Miss Grace A. Brown, Beta '89, was graduated from the Indiana Conservatory of Music, Ft. Wayne, Ind., and later pursued post-graduate work in Albion College under Carl Scheffler. Practically all of her teaching experience has been in the Michigan School for the Blind, Lansing, Mich., "long enough," she says, "to make me feel that I couldn't teach people with eyes for it seems as though they ought to know everything without being told." During her thirteen years at the School for the Blind, Miss Brown has been promoted twice and is now Director of the Piano and Voice Departments. Her interests, however, are not all confined to the school, which is a little community by itself, for she is also First Vice-President and Director of the Matinee Musicale, the leading musical club in the city, having two hundred and fifty members, as well as Organist and Choir Director of the Franklin Avenue Presbyterian Church of Lansing.

The Observance of Founders' Day

In accordance with the action of the last Convention, the various chapters will observe Founders' Day, October 15th, in some appropriate way. In another year we will be celebrating our twenty-fifth anniversary, when the festivities may be more elaborate, but the following suggestions received from various alumnæ may assist the chapters in their plans for this autumn.

First comes a suggestion from one of the Chis in the far north, in Manitoba:

With the coming of the 15th of October our thoughts naturally turn to that day long ago when Mr. Howe and the Alpha girls at Greencastle decided to start a fraternity to be known as Alpha Chi Omega; and we, now a large and organized body of individual enthusiasts, wonder in just how far we have realized the ideals set for us by them.

It is a sad thing to have to confess, but I fear it is true that with the regular routine of the business part of our meetings, with the rushing, pledg-



IOTA

First Row—Effie Wehrman, Mabel Stone, Imo Baker, Bess Rose, Susan Reed, Mabel Haines, Marie Seebach, Lora Withers.
 Second Row—Perle Garnett, Hardy Breckenridge, Irene Mull, Rachael Jarrold, Pearl Swanburg, Alta Chippis,
 Beth Swarthout, Mamie Lewis, Blanche Breckenridge, Gladys Breckenridge.
 Third Row—Jessie Mann, Pearl Shipley, Rhoda Reinhardt, Julia Hess, Ruth Buffum, Ruth Reinhardt, Harriet Garnett,
 Ruth Kimball, Bess Wyeth.



KAPPA

Margaret H'Doubler, Alma Slater, Meta Kleckhefer,
 Lucille Simon, Fay Vaughan, Mabel Borgan, Sadie Sutherland,
 Josephine Heuer, Grace Howe, Alice Alford, Margaret Bower, Irma Hellberg, Nellie Brundage, Hazel Peterson,
 Lillian Zimmerman, Helen Jennings, Verna Tyler, Pattie Allen, Mary Cole, Flora Knox, Gladys Sutherland, Gladys Morrell.

ing and initiating of new members, with our course of study and social interests, we have little time left for the contemplation of the original purpose for which our fraternity was organized.

Would it not be well then, to set apart Founders' Day as the annual occasion for looking into all questions pertaining to our fraternity life? And could we not through the columns of our journal, or by written invitation, invite our alumnae to join the active chapter for this meeting—to take the form of a luncheon, dinner, or informal musicale, as may please the individual chapter?

On this occasion we could have brought before us once again the beautiful significance of the lyre and of our other insignia, and once more hear the purposes for which our fraternity was founded. Then we could discuss ways and means by which we might better not only the individual chapter but the fraternity as a whole. Nor should we confine ourselves to the problems facing our own society but to all questions that pertain to Greek letter societies as a whole.

In a word, might not Founders' Day take the form of a fraternity self-examination, when after facing things as they are, the earnest thought of each member be given to bettering the conditions? Surely with the yearly simultaneous concentration of each chapter and member upon these problems, our beloved Alpha Chi Omega will attain heights never dreamed of by our revered founder, Mr. Howe.

MAY GOOD HALL, Zeta.

The following article by an alumna in Kansas contains several helpful ideas:

Having been connected with Alpha Chi such a short time—a little less than one college year—I must plead ignorance as to the manner in which this important day is observed by other chapters. Methods I may suggest may therefore be old or impracticable. If such be the case, give this decent burial in your waste basket, Sister Chief Alumna, and please do not lay it up against Omicron; just remember that we are “as new-born babes (in Alpha Chi) who desire the sincere milk of the word, that we may grow thereby.” So if your severest criticisms fall upon our heads, we will rejoice in the fact that we have at least learned “what not to do on Founders' Day.”

A kind Providence has seemed to watch over our charter members, and today every Alpha Chi should lift a thankful heart that there is not one “vacant chair” in that little circle. We should in some way let these women know in what love and esteem they are held. One suggestion that comes to me is that it would be nice to send to each one of these charter members, on Founders' Day, a post-card with either the picture of the chapter house or of the girls on it. This would be but a very little thing on our part but I am sure would be greatly appreciated by the eight women receiving them. Perhaps it is already the custom of Alpha Chi to wear colors on this day. I like that idea.

October is usually such a beautiful month, with all the trees donning Alpha Chi colors, that I would suggest that we go to the woods for our celebration. I think I would be selfish on this day and have no one but Alpha Chis in the party, unless it would be our Mothers and Patronesses. Let an Autumnal Alpha Chi Queen be chosen, crown her with a wreath of scarlet and olive leaves and then forming a circle around her let the woods ring with our fraternity songs. If the weather did not permit going to the woods, a dinner at the chapter house, with a few invited guests would be very nice.

Or a little chafing-dish supper for all the Alpha Chi mothers who are within reach, would be nicer still, and oh, how the mothers do appreciate these little affairs, and I can think of no more fitting way to remember our founders than by honoring our mothers.

At these little affairs it would be nice to have letters from as many of the alumnæ as possible.

MARIE M. EBRIGHT, Omicron.

We quote also from a letter from Iota Chapter :

"Founders' Day" should be observed by all means, but is it possible for it to be observed in a similar manner in every chapter? You no doubt have thought of this yourself. Perhaps, on the other hand, you did not intend this idea to be conveyed. There are many ways for this day to be observed. The following suggestions from the alumnæ have been proposed to me: a banquet, with suitable songs, toasts, and so forth; a picnic or spread would be a less formal affair, perhaps, and would not be as expensive as the former; a program, literary and musical, on appropriate subjects, could be carried out successfully I am sure, and would remind the girls of the importance of the day, which is, of course, the premier object.

Ideally, a banquet, in my mind, would be *the* thing, but speaking for Iota, I am afraid that we should hesitate here because of the expense. By that, I mean that it comes so near rushing season that everybody's pocket-book is rather thin. We always have a Senior banquet in the spring that the girls do not want to do away with; for it is then that the old girls are most likely to return, and the expense of two banquets seems somewhat extravagant when a less extravagant affair could be carried out successfully for the observance of Founders' Day. I am saying this because I feel sure that many of the chapters will no doubt favor a banquet, and it was for this reason that I mentioned the undesirability of having the observance universally the same. Conditions are so unlike in the different chapters that I feel that the best method to adopt would be to let each chapter decide on the form of entertainment to be followed. Whatever the affair, however, I feel that toasts, formal or informal, and Alpha Chi songs should be distinctive features. Of course, we will all wear our dear old scarlet and olive green on this day, and in this respect at least, be "universally similar."

From another source comes a counter-suggestion that we should not display our colors on special fraternity days about the campus. The reason given is this, that while Pan-Hellenic organizations are trying to promote cordial relations between fraternities and non-fraternity students, this wearing of colors is not in keeping with the idea of social democracy. While some may not agree with the writer, we are glad to have a frank expression of opinion, remembering that "in the multitude of counsellors there is safety."

There are many gala days in the fraternity calendar when we are glad to welcome our college friends and visiting relatives, but when we celebrate the natal day of Alpha Chi Omega, it seems most fitting

that only our own fraternity girls be present. For this occasion we want to put aside for a few hours the multitudinous interests of college life and certain phases of fraternity life (even though some chapters may be in the midst of a strenuous rushing season), and review the history of our organization, dwell upon our achievements, and render honor to the founders who have made possible this success. When we come down to the facts of the case, we find that after all, there is very little opportunity in our strenuous college life, for quietly meeting together—with no business interest—simply for the purpose of enjoying our fraternity fellowship, and thereby strengthening the bonds which unite us. Therefore we cannot but hope that the main feature in our observance of Founders' Day will be this very gathering together of Alpha Chis as a fraternity family.

Margaret E. Upcraft

Among the alumnae of Alpha Chi Omega who are attaining no slight degree of success in the musical world is Margaret E. Upcraft, a member of Zeta Chapter. Following her preparation at the New England Conservatory, under Mr. Carl Stasny, Miss Upcraft was chosen as head of the piano department at the Woman's College, Frederick, Md. Here her aim was to bring the music department, especially the piano department, to a higher standard. Success crowned her efforts, several of her pupils later graduating as soloists from the New England Conservatory. When she decided to go to a larger city, she received an excellent offer from the National Cathedral School, Washington, D. C., one of the finest and most exclusive boarding schools in the country. She had been there but a year when the Principals resigned to reopen their old school in New York City, and they offered her the position of Directress of the entire music department. At present Miss Upcraft has a large class at Miss Bangs' and Miss Whiton's School, and gives a course of lectures on musical subjects, in addition to a private class at her New York studio. During the year 1906 she studied for five months with Mr. Wager Swayne in Paris. While in Washington, Miss Upcraft

was one of the favorite salon pianists, and in New York has recently given a series of recitals, the last one being a chamber music recital.

Miss Upcraft is considered an exceedingly gifted musician, a composer as well as pianist, and having studied both violin and vocal music is well qualified for a sympathetic accompanist. Among her compositions may be mentioned a "Sherzo", a "Valse Impromptu" and several songs not yet published; also the incidental music that was used in "If I Were King," presented by Mr. E. H. Sothern. A recent composition is a march named by permission from President Taft, the "Taft March." Mr. Taft sent her his photograph, which is to be on the title page.

All of the Alpha Chi Omega girls will follow Miss Upcraft's career with interest and they predict for her a brilliant future.

A Letter From Weisbaden

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"You have no idea how time flies over in this part of the country,—in spite of the fact that the natives themselves are so powerfully slow and phlegmatic. You would enjoy Weisbaden now, I am sure, it is so very attractive in its spring garb, for the season is on, the hotels filled and the streets and parks full of gaily dressed people. They are so interesting—the people—as they come from the land of everywhere and in such funny costumes. We are simply living out-of-doors these days. As everyone here takes some kind of a "kur," I have adopted the "fresh air kur." It is so much simpler and much less expensive. Positively, I do get so tired of hearing the people talk about their health—it is a never-failing topic of conversation and is worse than servant girls.

From Bonn, where we spent February and March, we took many little trips along the Rhine and up the mountains and I quite know the beautiful Rhine country by heart. Here, also, we start off on expeditions of various sorts—I, always with my Baedaker tucked under my arm like the conventional tourist. My dictionary, I can leave at home now, as I have absorbed a sufficient quantity of Ger-



Clara Wheeling,
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DELTA

First Row Clara Wheeling, June Shires, Caroline Parsons, Anna Tarr, Ruth Dorworth, Mary Green, Charlotte Marhofer, Mabel McLean, Marjorie Fowler.
Second Row Louise Chase, Julia Jones, Mary Patterson, Cella McClure, Lucy Loane, Blanche Garver, Edith Burdard, Wilhelmina Anderson, Elizabeth Garver.



EPSILON

Emma Williams, Lula Reeves, Katherine Asher, Olive La Clair, Eleanor Clemons,
Mabel Farrington, Blanche Stump, Pansy Newlin, Olive Berryman, Marie Jackson, Phoebe Joslin, Esther Davidson.

man to answer all practical purposes, and at present am learning poetry by the yard, as the quickest means of enlarging my vocabulary. The Kaiser arrives on the scene the middle of May, his annual visit, and it is, of course, a very festive occasion and one I am looking forward to. All sorts of interesting events take place at the opera—all the stars shine their brightest and no one dares to enter unless in full evening dress. How I have enjoyed the Grand Opera. We still go every week and it is all so beautifully staged as well as played. The Kurhaus concerts are given now afternoons and evenings in the Kurgarten and as we can hear the music quite distinctly from our rooms it is quite impossible for me to stay away. A tennis court in our garden and long walks also occupy a good deal of our time. Our last escapade was a party of eight at a circus, a truly German affair, as it lasted over three hours. Everything moves so slowly, it sometimes makes me nervous. Have you ever gone to an afternoon coffee and sat in one chair *five hours*? Or in the evening at a reception for the same length of time? At such times, I confess I sigh for my little canoe or some golf clubs and an open field!

JOSEPHINE BLANCHARD, Theta.

"Sometimes Counsel, Sometimes Tea"

My Sisters in Dear A X Ω:

The plans for the Alumnæ Department are fast forming in the minds of interested Alpha Chis. We have had the training in our chapter life and learned that no matter how competent the leader the work must largely be done by others. So why should we alumnæ be urged to do our part?

"In unity there is strength" and in no life is this more true than in fraternity life and among scattered alumnæ especially.

The April number of the LYRE contains many interesting things which are helpful both to the active girl and the graduate. The Alumnæ Department will be strengthened if each alumna reads our magazine and keeps herself well informed on fraternities in general.

We are most interested in the thing we think of most and know most about, so since we have a leader anxious to make the department grow, let us mention fraternity life in our letters one to the other and increase our interest. A few things done well are better than many things just started. Prompt action should be recommended.

Reunions of Alpha Chis will do much to increase interest. When an alumna visits her Alma Mater she should not forget that the girls in the active chapter are just as busy as when she was in school, and are as timid about approaching an "old girl" as she used to be. Consequently she should take the initiative and make herself known by calling at the chapter house and hunting up the girls, not waiting for them to hunt her up.

Why should not the alumnae entertain the "actives" instead of the other way? The active girls have expenses just as you had in school and how much you enjoyed being entertained! The alumnae are there only for a short visit and do not have the expenses that the "actives" have the year through. Let us as alumnae make ourselves one of the "actives" while there and give of our experience that the "actives" may know that we are interested in them though we are through school.

I should like to see discussed "The Sophomore Pledge Day—its effect on the Chapter House"; also, "The Advisability of having a Lodge instead of a Chapter House."

Space will not permit us to publish more of this letter from Mrs. Ivy Riley Farrar (Omicron), of Axtell, Kansas. * * * *

One of the Alpha girls wrote: "It really is remarkable how much good our alumnae letter did last term. We have heard from so many of the older women as a result, and they all seem so enthused. We shall of course send out another one this term." The co-operation and counsel of Alpha's alumnae will mean much to her in her plans for building or purchasing a chapter house. * * * * Convention echoes still come to us and Delta, commenting on it says: "We found it very inspiring and helpful. One thing that impressed me at convention was the faithfulness and loyalty of the council. The only thing I could ever compare it to was this: we girls were the

family of which the council, taken together, was the mother, and we were there getting help and advice in our problems." * * * * *

This excerpt will be of interest to all Alpha Chis as a proof that fraternities are not always either social or selfish: "As literary plans seemed not to interest all (we have current events the last meeting of every month) it seemed something must be done to create enthusiasm and interest, and the girls seemed very delighted with the charity idea. We expect to give a program probably once in two weeks or a month, at a children's hospital, a sanitarium, or any of 'those' institutions. We also hope to find a few children who are very anxious to learn music, who are unable to pay for instruction, and have each girl teach them a different subject." The Zeta girls will find that the greatest happiness comes from making others happy.

A Letter From a Kappa Alumna

There is no better way to feel the national importance of a fraternity than by attending a convention or by visiting other chapters. While on a trip through the West this winter, I visited Nu, Epsilon, and Delta Delta.

Nu Chapter has for its home the beautiful city of Boulder, Colorado. Boulder is situated about twenty miles from Denver in a valley surrounded by beautiful mountains, and is an ideal spot for a university. Alpha Chi has a cosy, comfortable little home not far from the University buildings. I had no difficulty in finding it, for upon inquiring of a young lady on the car I found that she was a member of the chapter. You all can picture my surprise and pleasure at this unexpected meeting. Together we went to the house and I had a short but pleasant visit with the girls. I wished my time were not so limited, but when I left I felt as if I had found new friends.

The girls of Epsilon and Delta Delta will always have a warm place in my heart, for it is to them I owe many of the pleasures of my three months' visit in Los Angeles. One has only to travel out to Los Angeles to realize Epsilon's feeling of remoteness and her

eagerness for western chapters. The establishment of the chapter at Berkeley will help her in many ways.

Los Angeles is a beautiful city and many tourists flock there every winter, Alpha Chis no less than other people. There were representatives from Kappa, Beta, Gamma, and Iota, and it seemed almost as if we were having a small convention, when our grand officers, Mrs. Loud and Miss Siller, were present. It was indeed an inspiration to attend the dinners, receptions and picnics and feel that though we were strangers from many different cities, we were made friends through the bond of the sorority.

I also had the pleasure while I was in Los Angeles, of meeting Adela Verne. The Epsilon girls entertained for her and we all greatly enjoyed her visit. She was so charming and seemed so interested in Alpha Chi that we were all sorry to say good-bye.

I am now looking forward to our next convention, and I hope I may renew the friendships that I formed this winter, and make many new ones.

S. M., Kappa.

During the summer months many of the Alpha Chis will be traveling in this country and would enjoy visiting the alumnæ chapters should they happen to be in the various cities at the time of the meetings. For their benefit we make the following announcements:

ALPHA ALPHA. Address all communications during the summer to Miss Mae Vose, 733 Forest Ave., Evanston.

BETA BETA. No regular meetings are held during the summer. The next meeting will occur on the afternoon of the second Saturday in September. Address all communications to Mrs. Walter B. Stoner, "The Arthur," Indianapolis.

GAMMA GAMMA meets for luncheon at one o'clock the second Friday in each month, at the Hotel Martha Washington, 29 East Twenty-ninth Street. Mrs. H. M. Kent, 82 W. Fifth St., Bayonne, N. J., will answer communications in the absence of Mrs. Green.

DELTA DELTA. No regular meetings but some informal gatherings are being planned for the summer. All visiting Chis are cordially invited to send word to Anne Shepard, 229 North Soto St., Los Angeles, Cal. (Phone: Home 41237), who will "gladly direct them to more Chis in the 'Land of Sunshine.'"

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Pan-Hellenic

At the suggestion of W. Oakley Raymond, former Librarian of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity, the New York Public Library has been trying for the last few years to bring together the beginnings of a "Pan-Hellenic Fraternity Collection." Requests for fraternity newspapers, histories, constitutions, lists of members, and other similar publications, were sent out by the Library to two hundred and fifty-six fraternities. Of this number, two hundred and seventeen failed to answer even in acknowledgment.

As a result of these requests on the part of the Library the following fraternity newspapers are now being received regularly:

FRATERNITY.	PUBLICATION.
Alpha Chi Omega.....	The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega.
Alpha Delta Phi.....	The Adelphean.
Alpha Kappa Kappa	The Centaur.
Alpha Phi	The Alpha Phi Quarterly.
Alpha Xi Delta	The Alpha Xi Delta.
Beta Theta Pi	The Beta Theta Pi.
Chi Omega (Sor.).....	The Eleusis.
Delta Chi	The Delta Chi Quarterly.
Delta Gamma	The Anchora.
Delta Kappa Epsilon.....	The Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly.
Delta Sigma Delta	The Desmos.
Delta Sigma Phi.....	The Carnation.
Delta Upsilon	The Delta Upsilon Quarterly.
Gamma Phi Beta	The Crescent.
Kappa Alpha Theta.....	The Kappa Alpha Theta.
Kappa Kappa Gamma.....	The Key.
Kappa Psi	The Mask.
Phi Beta Pi.....	The Phi Beta Pi Quarterly.
Phi Delta Phi.....	The Brief of Phi Delta Phi.
Phi Delta Theta.....	The Scroll.
Phi Gamma Delta	The Phi Gamma Delta.
Sigma Alpha Epsilon.....	The Record.
Sigma Chi	The Sigma Chi Quarterly.
Sigma Kappa	The Sigma Kappa Triangle.
Sigma Nu	The Delta of Sigma Nu.
Sigma Phi Epsilon.....	The Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal.
Tau Beta Pi	The Bent.
Theta Delta Chi	The Shield.
Zeta Tau Alpha	The Themis.

The following fraternities promised to send material, but have failed to do so:

Alpha Chi Rho.	Psi Upsilon.
Delta Delta Delta.	Sigma Sigma Sigma.
Phi Kappa Psi.	Tau Kappa Pi.
Pi Beta Phi.	

The following fraternities replied that they had no publications for general distribution:

Phi Kappa Phi, of the University of Maine.
Psi Upsilon, Yale University.
Sigma Psi, Western Reserve University.

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If this re-statement of the desire of the Library to receive contributions to its "Pan-Hellenic Fraternity Collection" should meet with favorable response on the part of the fraternities that have not yet sent in contributions, it may well be here stated that whatever contributions are forwarded should be addressed to the New York Public Library, 425 Lafayette street, New York City (for Pan-Hellenic Collection).

Complete files of the back numbers of the fraternity publications are most particularly desired before it becomes too late to obtain the same. Send in any material that can be spared so the Library may be able to complete the files through the contributions of the other fraternities. Fraternity publications please copy.

National Pan-Hellenic Conference

To the Alumnae Organizations of the Fraternities Represented in the National Pan-Hellenic Conference:

It was the desire of the delegates to the Inter-sorority Conference held in Chicago, September 11 and 12, 1908, to acquaint the Alumnae of the Fraternities represented there with the vital points of the work accomplished. There are certain social tendencies which are prevalent in many colleges and universities today which are, perhaps, recognized by the girls in college, but which need, for their control, the more mature judgment of the Alumnae. It was the work of the Inter-sorority Conference, now the National Pan-Hellenic Conference, to point out certain of these errors of college life, and to discuss ways and means of rectifying them. It rests, however, with the whole body of the Alumnae to see that this work is carried out. Let every Alumna of every Fraternity feel that she is a committee of one to do a part of this great work. Among the following suggestions to the local Pan-Hellenic Associations we desire to call special attention to Articles 1, 6 and 7.

1. Every Pan-Hellenic *must* conform to the by-law that requires each fraternity chapter to be represented in Pan-Hellenic by one active and *one Alumna* member. It is urged that Alumnae mem-

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bers be chosen with great care. Women several years out of college, who are in close touch with their university's and their chapter's life, and in sympathy with National Pan-Hellenic Conference ideas and work—upon which they should be well informed—should be chosen for these positions. A long tenure of office for efficient Alumnae members is also deemed advisable.

2. Pan-Hellenics are urged to adopt a rule requiring definite scholarship attainment in the university, as a qualification for eligibility to fraternity membership.

3. We recommend to Pan-Hellenics that they endeavor to restrict the expense, number and duration of social functions and engagements by women's fraternities as far as is compatible with local conditions.

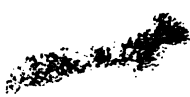
4. We suggest that Pan-Hellenics be careful not to create feeling between fraternity and non-fraternity college women through too many or through inopportune Pan-Hellenic meetings and functions.

5. Pan-Hellenics are urged to avoid all public press notoriety and to endeavor always to keep the respect of their University and town communities.

6. We strongly recommend that each Pan-Hellenic have some general meetings to which *all fraternity* members are invited and allowed to take part in discussions—meetings to read and discuss National Pan-Hellenic Conference reports; shortcomings of our last compact; effects of a Sophomore pledge day in our college, etc.

7. Since at the University of Wisconsin an organization of the resident alumnae of all fraternities has proved most helpful in solving fraternity and university problems concerning rushing, social life, etc., it is the consensus of opinion in this Conference that a similar organization would prove helpful in every university where fraternities are represented. It is therefore suggested that in each Pan-Hellenic the alumnae members take the initiative in forming such an organization for their college.

While the Conference suggested that the initiative in this matter be taken by the alumnae ~~members~~ of the local Pan-Hellenic, the com-



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mittee considers that it would be greatly to the credit of any alumnae organization or group to be the first to suggest such an organization in their community.

Inasmuch as the strength and power of any fraternity is coming to rest more and more in organized alumnae, your co-operation is earnestly solicited in carrying out the following suggestions made to the fraternities composing the National Pan-Hellenic :

1. That each fraternity devise a method of informing its alumnae of National Pan-Hellenic principles and policies, so that an alumna teaching in a preparatory school will not thoughtlessly take steps that will disrupt years of cordial feeling between her chapter and other fraternities in her Alma Mater.

2. That each fraternity endeavor to make the position of chaperone in its chapter house one of definite duties, powers and dignity. That if possible, the positions be filled by alumnae of experience and judgment.

3. That each fraternity, with ideals of honor and faith in the integrity of others, emphasize these points in the policy of its chapters.

4. That each fraternity instruct its visiting delegate to impress upon the chapters the need not of a higher standard of scholarship than they already possess, but a high standard irrespective of their present standing.

As the work of the National Pan-Hellenic Conference, as well as that of the local Pan-Hellenics, is now better understood by alumnae members of all fraternities, it is hoped that each one will do all in her power to help remedy conditions which cannot be met by any one society, but which are harmful to fraternity life in general. With the object of furthering this improvement by united effort this report is submitted.

EDITH STONER, K K Γ,
LULU KING BIGELOW, A O Π,
AMY OLGEN PARMELEE, Δ Δ Δ,

Committee from National Pan-Hellenic Conference.
February, 1909.

Announcements

Have you an Alpha Chi Omega Directory? Price, 25 cents, postage prepaid. Those ordering now will receive copies containing leaflet concerning new chapters. Send money order or draft to the Grand Historian, Miss Mabel H. Siller, 716 Clark St., Evanston, Ill.

A X Ω announces the establishment of two new alumnæ chapters—Epsilon Epsilon, Detroit, and Zeta Zeta, Boston.

The Studio Fund is growing! \$116.25 is now pledged, as follows:

Zeta	\$ 35.00
Gamma	35.00
Delta	15.00
Lambda	20.00
Gamma Gamma	8.25
Mrs. Theo. White Lillard	3.00
Total	<u>\$116.25</u>
Cost of Studio	\$500.00
Total pledged	116.25
Amount still to be raised.....	<u>\$383.75</u>

Zeta gave a very successful "county fair" in order to raise her pledge; Gamma Gamma's plan is for each member to contribute 50 cents. May we not hear from every other chapter before the next issue of the LYRE? Won't our alumnæ help? If every one would send in 25 cents we should have more than double the amount. Don't put this off, but send your contribution today to Mrs. Ralph Dennis, 720 Clark St., Evanston, Ill. Mrs. MacDowell writes that she is greatly pleased with the interest shown, and that she hopes to begin building the A X Ω Studio at Peterboro House this fall, feeling sure that the money will come. Pledges should be sent to Mrs. Horace M. Kent, 82 West Fifth St., Bayonne, N. J. If any A X's are in the neighborhood of Peterboro, New Hampshire, this summer, they must surely visit Peterboro House. The Fair for the increasing of the Endowment Fund is to be held the last week in August. Small fancy articles for the sale may be sent to Mrs. Edward MacDowell, Peterboro, N. H.



MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS

IT is with the same degree of sincerity and solemnity that one expresses their hopes and good wishes for a happy, prosperous future to those who have bravely joined their life currents, that we extend to Pi chapter and the fraternity, our earnest good wishes for a future that will be better and larger for the union. We believe it will prove auspicious for both, yet like all benefits, the responsibilities which follow are very large, and if the success of which the union should be capable, is to be attained, neither the fraternity nor the new chapter can for a minute forget those responsibilities. One has a new member in the family to support, to educate, to train, to be moulded by the influence of association and example. The other has the duty of devout allegiance, of rendering the best possible account in all the details of fraternity life. This involves, first of all, *active* loyalty to the principles which have received our vows of support, and active loyalty means that those principles are to be taken as a real guide to our conduct, not mere ornaments to be exhibited only on the solemn occasions of initiation. They are to be taken into account, *always*; in the reasons that determine the choice of a new sister, in the management of the chapter house, in the relation of one member to another, in the attitude of each to college life and to the work in the class room—in *all* the practical details of individual life, home life, chapter life, and college life. Thus it is, only by these things being remembered and followed by all the chapters, from the oldest to the youngest, that we can "ever uphold the dignity, honor, and integrity of Alpha Chi Omega," and by so doing, come into the rich heritage of Fraternity.

ALUMNAE CHAPTERS

TWO more alumnae chapters! May their tribe increase! May they be the means of raising the scholarship within the active chapters by organized effort in that direction. May they come in contact with their active sisters on every possible occasion. May they feel that their active chapters are still *theirs*, to be helped, worked in, and to be still responsible for. May their systematic exertions gather in all Alpha Chis within reasonable distance. May there be organization, system, aim and purpose to their life. May each member be happier and better and may they find that by helping others they have justified and sanctified their existence.

TAKE TIME WHILE TIME IS

IN the midst of recreation it is difficult to think of work and duty, so we hope all those who are "going back" to another year of college, and we thrust the number will be very large, will make it a point to take their July LYRES with them, and read everything in that number at the very beginning of the new chapter year. Every year of life adds to our sum of responsibility, and we need all the help and encouragement that may be available. The Sophomore, the Junior, the Senior, will, if nature's tendencies have not been thwarted, be one year ahead of last in her development, and will stand for that much more than she did before, and just as she was consciously, or unconsciously, influenced by the example of an upper classmate, so will she, now, influence the character and tendencies of some other. We therefore hope everything that will help her will be utilized, and with all due humility, we express the opinion that much may be gained from a careful reading of this number. We also hope the injunction to use some of this free summer time to make plans for the coming year will not be necessary. Surely we must all realize that a successful year cannot spring from an excited, chaotic condition at its beginning. The foundation of good sound preliminary preparation will carry a chapter through a great deal, while its sister who has counted on "time enough when schools opens" will find she has "buildded on the sands."

"SO AND NO OTHERWISE"

THE word "fraternity" has been used so long now in Alpha Chi Omega that we fail to see why "sorority" still persists in the manuscripts which are sent us. The arguments pro and con have been presented so often in various fraternity publications that we will not repeat them here. Suffice it to say that as long as $\text{A X } \Omega$ has decided in favor of "fraternity" that is all there is to the matter. Personal opinions can no longer alter the case and we should all be glad to lay aside our prejudices (if we have any) in favor of uniformity and the "esprit de corps" that results from confidence and loyalty to whatever the fraternity stands for and undertakes.

GO THOU AND DO LIKEWISE

XI has only two members who are not LYRE subscribers. Does that not appeal to the pride of her sister chapters? We wish that every Alpha Chi would consider herself a missionary this summer, and see if every chapter cannot equal Xi's record by the time the October number is issued.



Chapter letters for each issue will be due not later than the first of the month preceding the date of issue. At the beginning of each letter state the active membership, including all initiates since previous issue, with full names and home addresses; *also any changes of associate editors or corresponding secretaries.*

Personal and alumnæ news to be written on a separate sheet. Typewrite copy if possible.

ALPHA

DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

Ada Beeler, '09.	Esther Fuller, '12.
Bernice Caldwell, '09.	Georgia Harris, '12.
Edna Walters, '09.	Georgia Hedley, '12.
Bernice Anderson, '10.	Clara Holmes, '12.
Mayme Guild '10.	Bel La Rue, '12.
Ava Guild, '10.	Adell Wilson, '12.
Eva Sutton, '10.	Laila Linn, '12.
Virenda Rainier.	Jessie Maxwell, '12.
Irene Hayes, '11.	Lois Nagle, '12.
Harriet Lessig, '11.	Elsie Patton, '12.
Lilla Vermilya, '11.	Ora Paynter, '12.
Marian Cooper, '11.	Vera Southwick, '12.
Clara Chesney, '11.	Frances Bryson, '12.
Fanny Dorsey, '11.	Louise Chesney, '12.

Total membership, 146; number of year's initiates, 18.

Honors conferred by students: Bernice Caldwell, Class Historian, member Sodalitas Latina, Σ II; Edna Walters, member Der Deutsche Bund, Σ II; Virenda Rainier, Σ II; Ada Beiler, Σ II; Eva Sutton, Social Chairman Y.

W. C. A., Chemistry Club, member Mirage board; Clara Chesney, Class Historian, Sodalitas Latina; Grace Loyd, Class Secretary; Marian Cooper, Vice-President of Sophomore class; Frances Bryson, Vice-President Freshman class.

Number of faculty, 42; enrollment, 992.

Sororities represented: K A Θ, K K Γ, A X Ω, A Φ, Δ Δ Δ, A O Π, A Γ Δ Δ Z.

Alumna Advisor: Janet Wilson, Greencastle, Ind.

This year is almost over and with the end comes a mixture of emotions very hard to analyze. We are all looking forward to vacation with great pleasure, for this year has been a hard one and we are tired. But with all of its enjoyable prospects, June means separation, and for some of us final severing of chapter ties; and so, while there is a sense of relief that the hard work is over, it does not make itself as strongly felt as does the sorrow at leaving the friends we have known through years of companionship.

This spring term has been a very busy one at old De Pauw. Almost every Tuesday night there has been a fraternity formal or a college party of some kind. On May 11th the Junior masquerade was given in the Gymnasium, which was gaily decorated for the big event. May 25th Alpha Chi entertained about one hundred and twenty-five guests. We had a number of visiting girls and prospective spikes with us. The porch was a real bower of beauty, with its screens of branches and snowballs. May 24th the Young Women's Christian Association gave a campus *fété* which was quite a success.

In April our Freshmen girls entertained for the upper classmen at a "kid" party. The Freshmen dressed in Buster Brown suits and the upper class girls as little girls. During the evening the Freshmen presented the chapter with a handsome mission porch swing and a door-plate.

We are all very proud of one of our girls, Ada M. Beeler, who gave her Senior recital last week. The program included the following numbers:

Prelude and Fugue, B Flat Major	<i>Bach</i>
Impromptu, Op. 142, No. 3	<i>Schubert</i>
Sonata, Op. 31, No. 3	
Allegro, Allegretto, Minuetto, Presto.	
Nocturne, A Major	<i>Leschetizky</i>
A Scottish Tone Picture	<i>MacDowell</i>
Hexantanz	<i>MacDowell</i>
Etude, Op. 25, No. 9	<i>Chopin</i>
Polonaise, B Flat Major	<i>Chopin</i>

We are entirely engrossed at present with plans for commencement week. Almost all of the girls will stay for Commencement day, June 9th, and our reunion. Already we have heard from many of the *alumnæ* who expect to be with us June 8th, the day of the reunion. We are planning for a luncheon at the house in the afternoon and a model initiation ceremony which we hope will prove interesting to all of the old girls.

Alpha sends best wishes to all of her sister chapters for a very pleasant and profitable vacation.

BETA

Albion College, Albion, Mich.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

Florence Fall, '09.	Edith Ketcham, '11.
Jean Macdonald, '10.	Louise Metz, '11.
Mildred Moore, '10.	Margera Moore, '12.
Gladys Griffin, '10.	Dana Randall, '12.
Eulalia Snyder, '10.	Mable Doty, '12.
Harriet Armstrong, '10.	Susie Newcomer, '12.
Edna Newcomer, '11.	Beulah Taylor, '12.
Vera Patterson, '11.	

Total membership, 133; number of year's initiates, 8.

Honors conferred by faculty: St. Cecelia Club, Florence Fall, Susie Newcomer, Mildred Moore, Gladys Griffin, and Louise Metz; College Orchestra, Eulalia Snyder.

Honors conferred by students: Jean Macdonald, Y. W. C. A. cabinet; Edna Newcomer, Treasurer of Sophomore class, Sophomore Representative to Student Senate; Dana Randall, Student Senate; Florence Fall, Vice-President of Contributors' Club, Y. W. C. A. cabinet, Vice-President of St. Cecelia Club, Vice-President of Philharmonic Society, Senior Class Prophet, College tennis team, Vice-President of Senior class; Harriet Armstrong, Y. W. C. A. Treasurer; Edith Ketcham, Secretary of Oratorical Association, Y. W. C. A. Bible class, Vice-President of Tennis Association, College tennis team, Assistant Editor of Sophomore Pliead, member of Contributors' Club; Mildred Moore, art work on Pliead and Junior Annual.

Sororities represented: Δ I, with active membership of 20, the number of year's pledges being 11.

Alumna Advisor: Jennie Worthington.

Since our last letter we have pledged and initiated one more strong Alpha Chi of the future, Beulah Taylor of Battle Creek, who entered the Albion Conservatory at the beginning of the spring term. As it is just before the June banquets, social affairs are not numerous at present; but everyone seems to be putting the finishing touches on their year's work, with a vengeance. Our annual banquet, this year, will be at the Albion Club house, June 11th. The reunion is one week later, Friday, June 18th, and we are hoping that many of the "old girls" will be here. Beta's annual concert has been postponed until next fall, because of the great number of musical events already scheduled.

On April 24th, Delta Gamma entertained the chapter at their lodge. The affair was a "children's" party, with children's dresses, games, and no end of fun.

May 12th we had an informal supper at the lodge for our men friends. The favors were masks upon which was printed the evening's program, in the form of a play. The first act, "Eat, drink and be merry," explains itself, and each one, introduced by a fitting quotation, was enthusiastically received.

May 22nd we gave an afternoon reception to the sorority people of Albion in honor of Mrs. Loud, whom we are glad to have back with us after her winter in the West.

Albion College has had a winter of victories on the platform. Albion's

representative won first place in the State Oratorical contest at Kalamazoo; the college debating teams won both sides of the dual debate with De Pauw; the Sophomore debating team defeated Beloit; and Harry Young, a Freshman, won first place in the State, and second place in the Inter-State Prohibition contest.

After the De Pauw debate, Beta gave a reception to the college and the teams, in the lodge.

In athletics, too, Albion has been very successful. The climax of the baseball season is June 12th, at Olivet, when we play the Olivet nine in a cup game. Alpha Chi was again represented on the tennis teams, Florence Fall playing on the team that went to Hillsdale on field day, and Edith Ketcham on the team that played Ypsilanti, at Albion, May 22.

Commencement begins the 20th of June, this year. For the last month we have been having a series of Senior recitals, and the usual concerts and other events are close at hand. We have but one Senior, this spring,—Florence Fall, who graduates from the Literary department. We do not feel the usual sadness of parting at Commencement time, however, as Florence expects to return next year and complete her course in the Conservatory.

As there are only two girls, in our chapter of fifteen, who are doubtful about returning to Albion, we count on having a good, strong "baker's dozen" with which to begin work, in the fall.

We are looking forward to a good year, and such a year we wish our sister chapters.

GAMMA

Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

Hedwig Brenneman, post-graduate.	Grace Fisher, '11.
Mae Smith, post-graduate.	Alice Watson, '11.
Carrie Patton, '09.	Ruth Berge, '11.
Winifred Webster, '09, Oratory.	Clara Dunsworth, '11.
Myrtle Jensen, '10.	Vinetta Turner, '12.
Jeannette Wilson, '10, Oratory.	Grace Mitchell, '12.
Helen Hardie, '10.	Lucile Morgan, '12.
Mabel Slone, '10, Oratory.	Helen Baird, '12.
Mary Alice Rice, '10.	Vera Frey, '12.
Palma Gross, '11.	Ruth Saucerman, '12.

Total membership, 142; number of year's initiates, 12.

Honors conferred by faculty: Mae Smith, Hedwig Brenneman, Alice Watson, A Capella Choir; Winifred Webster, asked to return for post-graduate course in Oratory; Mae Smith, appointed to the faculty of the School of Music for next year.

Honors conferred by the students: Alice Watson, President of Woman's Chorus; Helen Baird, Grace Fisher, Syllabus Board in Music School; Helen Hardie and Myrtle Jensen, Syllabus Board in Liberal Arts; Winifred Webster, Secretary and Treasurer of Senior Class in Oratory; Clara Dunsworth,

Chairman of Sophomore Social Committee in Music School, Woman's League Executive Board.

Number of faculty, 425; enrollment, 3,900.

Sororities represented:

	1908 INITIATES.	ACTIVES.
A Φ	8	24
K K Γ	8	18
Δ Γ	12	18
K A Θ	7	22
Γ Θ B	9	20
A X Ω	12	20
Π B Φ	6	22
Δ Δ Δ	9	22
X Ω	13	20
K Δ	8	20
Σ A I	5	15
Z Φ H	8	18

Alumna Advisor: Mrs. Ralph Dennis, 720 Clark St., Evanston, Ill.

It seems almost impossible that another "Commencement Number" of the *LYRE* is soon to go to press, that the long anticipated Senior Chapel is already a thing of the past, and that by June 11th, the campus will again be deserted, and the girls in their own homes. The great Gymnasium is almost completed, the new Engineering School was dedicated a few weeks ago, and the alumni organ has recently been installed in the chapel, so the Seniors, in the imposing statistics which they deign to leave us, announce themselves quite satisfied with Northwestern's progress in the past year. The two most popular professors, however, according to the Senior vote, are the ones who are to leave us this summer, Professor Coe for Union Theological Seminary as announced a year ago, and Professor Goddard to take the head of the English department at Swarthmore. The new head of our Psychology department is to be Dr. Gault of Pennsylvania.

Since President Harris came to Northwestern, more and more has been made of commencement week each year, and this year the Evanston Commercial Association is coöperating with the school. On University Day, June 4, all stores in town will be decorated in purple, and all homes along the line of march of the great parade are to be hung with Chinese lanterns. The men of the different departments will engineer the floats and "tramping part"; the girls will follow in automobiles kindly loaned by the towns-people. The line of march covers some three miles. During Commencement week, also, come the three evening concerts, and the matinee of the great Music Festival, Class Day, Alumni Day, and the commencement address, the first in the new "gym," to be delivered by the Hon. Herbert Spencer Hadley, Governor of Missouri.

The spring has been an unusually busy one—as we seem to announce each year. Alice Watson, Mary Alice Rice, and Grace Fisher have given recitals at the Music School; Winifred Webster read a cutting from Gilbert Parker's "The Weavers" in her Senior recital at Oratory School. The 1910 "Syllabus" is out, and of course, having four girls on the board, we are more than willing to join in the chorus that it is the "best ever." The majority of the sorority formals have been held at the Country Club, this year, instead of out of town

as formerly. Ours was on April 30th, and we were glad to have several girls from other chapters with us at that time. The grand march was led by Alice Watson and William Dixon, Σ X, and by Mae Smith and Albert Wilson, Β Θ Π. Early in April, Alice Newgard entertained the chapter at a kitchen shower for Blanche Simpson, who was married to Howard Rosine, Φ K Σ, on April 21st. We did not feel as though we were to lose an active member, since she is to live in town and comparatively near the university, and our intended supervision of her culinary efforts was shown in the ridiculous little limericks which accompanied each gift. A week later, Blanche gave a charming little dinner for the girls who were to "officiate" at the wedding, either in a musical way or in the more prosaic capacity of serving at the reception. And the wedding itself—well, the space given to letters is limited, so we will merely send the newspaper account.

Nathalie Thompson, who has recently moved to Minnesota, is another of our active girls who has left us. Several of the girls finish their work here this June. Carol Patten will graduate from Liberal Arts; Winifred Webster from Oratory; and Alice Watson, Grace Fisher, and Clara Dunsworth in the certificate course at Music School. Winifred and Alice, however, will return for further study.

The numerous conferences held by the faculty and Pan-Hellenics have done nothing, in the long run, for sorority houses. The professors maintained that their installation would be contrary to the previous policy of the university, but said they would offer no objections to all the members of one sorority boarding at the same house. This latter plan we expect to test next year, although three of the girls will remain at Chapin Hall. Nevertheless, the house will form a centre for Alpha Chi interests, such as has been needed for some time, especially by those girls who, on account of the small amount of work they are carrying in Liberal Arts, are not permitted in the halls, which are intended primarily for college girls.

Pledge Day will be Matriculation Day, next fall, as last, and at our beach party, the other evening, various forms of rushing were discussed, and at a tea at Helen Baird's, a week ago, some of them were put in practice.

And, regarding our next fall's rushing, we would like to plead *in italics*, that girls in other chapters who have friends coming here would please notify us during the summer months. Each year, about November, we discover girls from Alphi Chi towns, who have come here unknown to us, and who are already wearing other ribbons. We promise, in return, to write to other chapters of girls we may know entering the universities where they are. One thing more. An alumna said the other day that she would have recommended a girl to us, but the girl was in Liberal Arts and she knew we preferred to run a chapter here at Northwestern in the Music School alone. That is no longer true, of course, and we would be glad to hear of girls coming to any of the three departments at Evanston.

DELTA

Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

Clara Wheeling, '09.	Marjorie Fowler, '11.
Anna Tarr, '09.	Celia McClure, '12.
Mary Greene, '09.	Ruth Dorworth, '12.
Mabel McLean, '10.	Charlotte Marhoffer, '12.
Julia Jones, '10.	June Shires, '12.
Caroline Parsons, '10.	Wilhelmina Anderson, '12.
Edith Burchard, '10.	Mary Patterson, '12.
Louise Chase, '10.	Louise Lord.
Lucy Loane, '11.	

Total membership, 138; number of year's initiates, 6.

Honors conferred by faculty: Clara Wheeling, Senior Six, Φ B K.

Honors conferred by the students: Mary Greene, Historian of Senior class; Anna Tarr, Valedictorian; Wilhelmina Anderson, Sophomore member of executive committee of Student Government Association; Louise Chase, chosen by the Junior class to reply to the Ladder Oration on Class Day.

Number of faculty, 22; enrollment, 322.

Sororities represented: K A Θ , active membership, 14; K K Γ , 19; A X Ω , 17; Θ Σ , 17.

Alumna Advisor: Florence Moore, Meadville, Pa.

This has been a busy semester for Delta and we can hardly realize that another year of college will soon be ended. The Seniors have donned their caps and gowns and it is with a feeling of sadness that we look forward to Commencement, for then we shall lose three of our strongest girls, Clara Wheeling, Anna Tarr, and Mary Greene, all endeared to us by the closest ties of love and sisterhood. However, we have resolved, as every Alpha Chi should, to live up to the words of our Parting Song:

"Then raise a song to Alpha Chi
And make the rafters ring;
With a smile on the lip
Though a tear's in the eye,
We'll all be jolly fellows
As we say good-bye."

Allegheny has had its usual share of college activities this semester. One of the most interesting events was the Thoburn Jubilee. This was held from April 11th to the 13th and was to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Bishop James M. Thoburn's sailing for India. There was a cessation of college duties on those days and faculty and students joined in paying tribute to the most distinguished son of Allegheny. Many eminent speakers were heard, among them being Dr. L. J. Herben, editor of the Epworth Herald, Dr. H. C. Sturitz, and Bishop David H. Moore.

April 24th was the day set apart for celebrating Founder's Day at Allegheny. Suitable exercises were held in Ford Memorial Chapel.

Wednesday, May 12th, we opened our Fraternity rooms with a formal

reception. Members of the faculty and their wives, and the national sororities, represented here, were invited.

Saturday, May 15th, the annual Pan-Hellenic banquet of the three national fraternities, K A Θ, K K Γ, and A X Ω, was held at Saegertown Inn. The weather was not very favorable, but in spite of that, all seemed to enjoy themselves. The afternoon was spent in boating and dancing, until the time of the banquet, which was served at seven-thirty. The Pan-Hellenic flowers, red and white carnations, were placed at each plate. Between the courses the songs and yells of the different fraternities were given, and following the banquet there was a short program of toasts. Louise Chase and Mary Patterson responded for A X Ω.

Thursday, May 27th, Delta entertained her friends at an informal party given at the home of the Misses Garver.

One of the most pleasing events of the college year was the May Festival, given on the campus, May 24th, for the benefit of the Y. W. C. A. The tables were decorated to represent different colleges and when these had been taken by the eager merrymakers, an entertainment which was divided into two parts, commenced. A lunch was served in two courses, the first between the parts of the entertainment, and the second between the entertainment and the May-pole. A May-pole dance ended the evening.

Delta sends greetings to her sister chapters and hopes that each and every Alpha Chi may have a most happy summer.

EPSILON

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

Katherine Asher, '11.	Pansy Newlin, '09.
Olive Berryman, '11.	Esther Davidson, '10.
Phoebe Joslin, '10.	Ella Foster.
Marie Jackson, '11.	Emma Williams, '10.
Mabel Farrington, '12.	Eleanor Clemons, '10.
Olive La Clair, '12.	Lula Reeves, '10.
Alice Crabb, '11.	Marie Myers (Pledge), '12.
Minnie Pallette, '10.	

Total membership, 56; number of year's initiates, 8.

Honors conferred by students: Phoebe Joslin, Secretary of Y. W. C. A.; Olive Berryman, on Y. W. C. A. cabinet; Katherine Asher, Vice-President of Sophomore class, Captain of Sophomore basketball team, Assistant Editor of the Junior Annual for the Class of '11.

Number of faculty, 156; enrollment of students, 1,383.

A X Ω is the only national sorority represented at the University of Southern California.

Alumna Advisor: Louise White.

Epsilon Chapter takes pleasure in introducing to all Alpha Chis two new sisters in the bond, Alice Crabb, of the College of Liberal Arts, and Minnie Pallette, of the College of Oratory. Our last initiation ceremony was held in

the chapter house with all the members of Epsilon and Delta Delta present. After the ceremony the customary banquet was served and a toast program enjoyed. Our president had just received the budget concerning the La Solana Club at Berkeley, and she read it to us as we were gathered around the long table, and you can imagine our enthusiasm. It is needless to say that Epsilon's vote was unanimous in favor of another Alpha Chi chapter in California, and we were very glad when we heard that our Eastern sisters were of the same mind.

Epsilon Chapter was invited to the monthly meeting of Delta Delta at the spacious home of Rowena Hall. After a delightful luncheon, a brief business meeting was held, and then the girls enjoyed a social hour in singing Alpha Chi songs.

The warm, sunny days have come to stay, here in California, and the spring fever seems to be getting the best of the students, for they are all taking jaunts to the mountains and the beach. One Friday afternoon the first of May, the Epsilon girls quietly folded their books, as the Arabs did their tents, and stole away to Ocean Park for a week's-end house-party. Miss Siller was the chaperone, and a most delightful one she proved to be. All the frivolities of the beach were indulged in, and the girls returned to school Monday morning well spent as to energy and money; as to time—Who can say?

Members of Delta Delta Chapter recently acted as hostesses to the Epsilon girls at a picnic in Ease Lake Park, and there all Alpha Chis listened with great interest to the reports of the girls who had just returned from the installation of Pi Chapter at Berkeley. Those who accompanied Miss Siller on the northern trip and aided her in performing the installation were Carrie Trowbridge, Anne Shepard, and Rowena Hall of Delta Delta, and Olive Berryman of Epsilon. They were all so enthusiastic in their stories of our northern sisters that some of us were quite anxious to go up north and finish our courses of study, so we give you fair warning, Pi, that in about one more year your numbers may be increased by some of your southern sisters and we hope that you will like us as well as we have already learned to like you.

Miss Carrie Trowbridge was hostess recently at a theater party, given for the Epsilon girls. Besides the fourteen active girls, Mabel Siller, Louise White, and Edith Marie Myers, a pledge, were there to enjoy seeing Florence Reed in her play, "Miss Hobbs," and to participate in the fun of an after-theater supper.

The colleges of our University are not all on the one campus, but are scattered over various parts of the city. So we plan one annual stunt in which all the colleges may unite to have a good time and get acquainted with each other. It is generally a banquet, but this year, instead, we had a big jolly-up at Simpson Auditorium and each college put on an original stunt for the amusement and edification of the rest. The college spirit ran high in the yells and songs, and in the stunts each tried to outdo the others. Among these the College of Music deserves honorable mention. They represented a "Kinder Symphonie," and the members all took part on some instrument, from the dignified pipe-organ, piano and violin, down to the toy horns and whistles. Talk about mixing the sublime and the ridiculous! But of course the Liberal Arts stunt was the best. They presented a minstrel skit and even held the attention of the rowdy "Dents" and envious "Sawyers." The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all and each college departed with a more genuine respect for the fellow colleges and a deeper loyalty to the "greater University."

School is nearly out now and the last Saturday before it closes, and we are all scattered, the active girls will entertain Delta Delta with a luncheon at the chapter house. The Freshmen in the fraternity are appointed to do all the work in connection with it, and we other girls are expecting to do nothing but enjoy ourselves.

Pansy Newlin, our one Senior, has just given her graduating recital in the College Chapel. The program, which was excellently rendered, consisted of the following numbers:

Bourree	<i>Bach</i>
Grand Gigue, D Minor	<i>Haessler</i>
Sonata, E Flat, Op. 27, No. 1	<i>Beethoven</i>
Impromptu in A Flat, Op. 29	<i>Chopin</i>
Gondoliera	<i>Liszt</i>
Scherzo, No. 2	<i>Mendelssohn</i>
Silver Spring	<i>Bendel</i>
Dragon Flies	<i>Bartlett</i>
Grand Polka de Concert	<i>Bartlett</i>

The platform was beautifully decorated with ferns and hanging baskets of sweet peas, and the Alphi Chis attended in a body, occupying reserved seats in front.

Epsilon sends greeting to her sister chapters.

ZETA

New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

Carrie Aiton.	*Florence Larrabee.
*Evangeline Bridge.	Katharine Montgomery.
*Anna May Cook.	Brenda Newton.
Nell Cutler.	Leslie Newton.
Olive Cutler.	Alice Mustard.
*Louise Daniels.	Carrie Omerod.
Josephine Durrell.	Leila Preston.
Alice Faunce.	Elizabeth Schaezel.
*Lillian Goulston.	Hazel Wing.
(0) Edna Boicourt	Margaret Webb.
*Post-Graduate.	

Total membership, 148; number of year's initiates, 8.

Honors conferred by faculty: Scholarships, Misses Aiton, Durrell.

Honors conferred by students: Junior Neume Committee, Miss Owerod.

Number on faculty, 71; enrollment, 2,600.

Sororities represented. Phi Mu Gamma.

Alumna Advisor: Estelle McFarlane Dunkle, 903 Dedgines St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Our heartiest greetings to our new sister, Pi. The California girls are to be congratulated on having two active chapters, and an alumnæ chapter. And apropos of alumnæ chapters, Zeta Zeta looms up in the not far distant future.

The event uppermost in our minds just at present is our recent successfully conducted "Country Fair," which was given to raise our subscription to the MacDowell fund. It was held on the afternoon and evening of May 20th, in Recital Hall and the adjoining corridors. Recital Hall, the floor of which has been levelled, was reserved for dancing. In the corridor outside were three large booths "thatched" with straw and all supports bound with the same. One was the Country Store, a pick-your-number and take-your-choice affair that arrested every one's attention as they entered the corridor. Facing the crowd as it entered, was the candy and lemonade booth; and to the left of this the poppy-decorated fancy-work booth, and the "Menagerie." Downstairs was the Fortune Teller and Picture Gallery: the former very enticing and interesting; the latter very amusing. In the jogs of the stairs ascending to the ice-cream and "home-made" cake parlor, were peanut and popcorn-ball stands. The various colored aprons and sunbonnets of the girls added to the generally countrified atmosphere. Things were "sold out" so that the majority of the girls were able to have a dance to close the busy, successful evening.

On March 16th our Annual Musicales and Reception took place. It was generally conceded to be the most pleasing program we have given. For that occasion Miss Hilda Swartz very kindly came on from Albany to sing for us. She sang a group of songs, and also a duet with her sister, Miss Jessie Swartz. Active girls on the program were the Misses Daniel, Aiton, Durrell, Larrabee, and Bly. Mrs. White accompanied for us in her ever delightful manner. In the receiving line were Mrs. Chadwick, Mrs. White, Mrs. Nelson, Miss Stanaway, Miss Aiton, and Miss Omerod.

The Dutch Room of Riverbank Court was again chosen for our dance on May 2nd. Our one regret in regard to the affair was that none of our alumnae were able to be present. We all sat down to a light supper at intermission which was very enjoyable, but which made the evening all the shorter.

The latter part of April we had the pleasure of initiating into Alpha Chi Omega, Miss Lula Boicourt, whose sister, Miss Edna Boicourt, we have had with us all the year. On that night we also had with us Mrs. Haggert, of Omicron, who the next day was matron of honor for Miss Lula Boicourt, who became Mrs. Oechsli, Mr. Oechsli being Mrs. Haggert's brother.

The Conservatory Chorus, to which many of our girls belong, gave a very enjoyable concert recently in Jordan Hall. The night previous they sang a number written especially for them at a concert given by the American Music Society, at which Mr. David Bispham and Mr. Heinrich Gebhard were the soloists.

Several of the girls have recently given short programs at the New England Women's Hospital and the Cullis Consumptives' Home in Roxbury, and at the School for Crippled Children on St. Botolph street, thus giving a great deal of pleasure to the inmates.

Our annual luncheon is to take place shortly at the Hotel Vendome. On that day, we hope to have the members of Zeta Zeta-to-be, with us.

Commencement, with its attendant festivities and partings, draws near. We have two graduates this year, Miss Aiton, violin; and Miss Montgomery, piano.

The first departure took place this week when a crowd of Fraternity and "Hall" girls went to see Miss Schaetzel off. Parting may be "sweet sorrow," but at the time it is the parting that is uppermost.

"Frame your mind to mirth and merriment." A joyful summer to all Alpha Chis.

THETA

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

Edith Leonard, '09.	Vera E. Fox, '11.
Louise Van Voorhis, '09.	Jane Harris, '11.
Maud Kleyn, '09.	Hazel Carter, '11.
Irene Connell, '10.	Jessie Patterson, '12.
Alice Yaple, '10.	Anne Voelker, '12.
Fleeta Lamb, '11.	Pearle Tuttle, '12.
Katherine Anderson, '11.	Jennie Grandon, '12.
Mabel Spafford, '11.	Nell Merrill, '12.

Total membership, 98; number of year's initiates, 7; number of pledges, 7.

Honors conferred by faculty: Irene Connell, Fleeta Lamb, Vera Fox, Duetscher Verein; Jane Harris, Nell Merrill, Teutonia.

Honors conferred by students: Edith Leonard, Secretary of Senior class; Jane Harris, German play; Louise Van Voorhis, Edith Leonard, Senior play; Fleeta Lamb, Sophomore social committee; Pearl Tuttle, Nell Merrill, Freshman social committee.

Number of faculty, 180; enrollment, 5,223.

Sororities represented: A Φ, membership 18; Δ Γ, 20; Γ Φ B, 16; X Ω, 19; K A Θ, 16; Π B Φ, 17; K K Γ, 24; A X Ω, 16.

Alumna Advisor: Mrs. Harvey Nichols.

Soon the time of graduation will be here and we will have to bid farewell to three of our girls, Edith Leonard, Louise Van Voorhis, and Maud Kleyn.

On May 21st we gave a large reception at the chapter house and over two hundred guests were present during the evening. The house was profusely decorated with apple blossoms, which were strewn over bookcases, chandeliers, and about the plate rail in the dining-room. The tables, from which light refreshments were served, were heaped with violets and red carnations, and an orchestra furnished music both during the reception hours and for dancing later in the evening.

Recently, during a visit paid us by Josephine Gerow, we tendered her a luncheon and miscellaneous shower.

We have four new pledges, Mamie Hyde, Helen Foster, Agnes Schindler, and Adah Gerow.

Several of our old girls have been visiting us. Louise Berst spent several days with us; Donna Savage has recently paid us several visits; Lola Phelps and Edith Steffner are now with us; and we are expecting Laura Scherffins in a few days.

The May Festival was May 13, 14, 15, and we enjoyed especially hearing Mme. Fremstead, Mr. Herbert Witherspoon, and the Thomas Orchestra.

Friday, May 28th, President Angell will be given a banquet at which many college students will be present. It is interesting to hear that on this occasion the girls also will give toasts.

In March, Mrs. L. Clark gave a reception for us to meet Miss E. N. Davidson, from Beta, who was visiting her.

Theta wishes all her sister chapters a most delightful summer.

IOTA

University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

Ruth Buffum, '09.	Pearl Swanburg, '11.
Jessie Mann, '09.	Ruth Kimball, '12.
Percie Garnett, '09.	Effie Wehrman, '12.
Gladys Breckenridge, '09.	Irene Mull, '12.
Bess Rose, '10.	Beth Swarthout, '12.
Ida Mack, '10.	Ruth Reinhardt, '12.
Bess Wyeth, '11.	Lora Withers, '12.
Pearl Shipley, '11.	Hardy Breckenridge, '12.
Harriett Garnett, '11.	Mary Goss (Special).
Charlotte Baker, '11.	Julia Hess (Special).
Alta Chipps, '11.	Susan Reed, Post Graduate.
Rhoda Reinhardt, '11.	Rachael Jarrold, Post Graduate.
Mabel Stone, '11.	Mabel Haines (Pledge).

Total membership, 91; number of year's initiates, 11.

Honors conferred by faculty: Susan Reed, Rachael Jarrold, Φ B K (Mt. Holyoke); Ruth Buffum, Φ B K, Illinois.

Honors conferred by students: Ruth Buffum, President of Alethenai Literary Society, Scribblers' Club; Percie Garnett, Household Science Club; Gladys Breckenridge, President of Pan-Hellenic; Bess Rose, Senior Memorial Committee for 1910; Charlotte Baker, Ida Mack, Alethenai Literary Society; Hardy Breckenridge, Freshmen basketball team; Belle Swarthout, Captain Freshmen basketball team;

Number of faculty, 400; enrollment, 5,000.

Women's fraternities: K A Θ, active membership 27; Π B Φ, 19; K K Γ, 28; A X Ω, 27; X Ω, 24; Δ Γ, 25; A Ξ Δ, 23; Σ K, 19.

Alumna Advisor: Imo Baker.

First of all, Iota takes very great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity three new sisters—Lora Withers, Irene Mull, and Ida Mack. These girls were announced as pledges in the last letter, and were duly initiated on March 9th.

The Glee and Mandolin Club gave their annual concert March 19th at the Illinois Theater in Urbana. The second part of the program was a minstrel show in which members of the clubs—hastily converted to the proper color—took part. The whole affair was a decided success and was voted "better than ever." The University Band gave its concert on April 20th. We Illini are very proud of the band and felt that the concert was only another proof of its excellent work.

This spring saw the formation of a Students' Union at Illinois. The organization consists of a large proportion of the men students and has elected officers and councilmen for the coming year. The purpose of the Union is to assist in controlling student affairs and it hopes, in time, to have a building which shall provide a common meeting place and club-rooms for its members.

The May Festival occurred May 10-11. The first evening the Choral Society, assisted by the University Orchestra, gave Gounod's sacred trilogy,

"Mors et Vita." The next afternoon and evening the New York Symphony Orchestra, led by Mr. Walter Damrosch, gave two concerts. The soloists were Mms. Corinne Rider, soprano; Miss Nevada Van der Veer, contralto; Mr. Reed Miller, tenor; and Mr. Gustav Holmquist, basso.

The "Illio," published yearly by the Junior class, appeared May 13th. The silver loving-cup, offered by the managers to the sorority handing in the best collection of "roasts," was won by Alpha Chi Omega.

Inter-scholastic week this year was more elaborate than ever, every moment being filled with something to attract the many high-school visitors. The events began with the May-pole dance, followed by a County Fair in the Armory—the Alpha Chis presiding over a "lemon tree," the lemons being constructed of cotton and yellow paper containing a small favor. The next evening "Two Strikes," an Illinois play in two acts, was presented in the Auditorium by the Mask and Bauble Club, before an enthusiastic audience. The play was written by Mr. T. H. Guild of the English department and was full of "local color." The annual circus was on the athletic field; there were three rings, two bands, a balloon ascension, a slide-for-life from the top of the gymnasium, and some very good acrobatic feats—all of which went to make up a very realistic performance. The various fraternities and men's clubs presented "stunts," the one winning the prize being the thrilling rescue of several masculine ladies and much property from a burning sorority house. In addition to these events, the more serious athletic affairs took up the greater part of the day-time. A dance in the Armory, after the circus, ended the three days of festivity.

Iota is now looking forward to the last chapter event of the year—the Senior banquet, which is to be held June 5th. Susan Reed is to act as toast-mistress and the following toasts are to be given:

The LYRE	Ruth Buffum
New Possessions	Alta Chipps
Toast to Iota	Ola Wyeth
Solo—Lora Withers	
Our Brothers	Ruth Kimball
The Days to Come	Charlotte Baker
The Seniors	Pearl Shipley
Past and Present	Jessie Mann

This June five of our girls receive degrees—Gladys Breckenridge, Ruth Buffum, Jessie Mann, and Percie Garnett graduating from the School of Literature and Arts, and Rachael Jarrold taking the degree of Master of Arts.

After the banquet it is "no time" till Commencement—and then the separation which we feel comes all too soon since in some cases it means "good-bye" for a longer time than the summer!

Iota sends best wishes for a happy vacation-time to all the sisters.

KAPPA

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

Alice Alford, '09.	Fay Vaughan, '11.
Marguerite Bower, '09.	Pattie Allen, '12.
Margaret H'Doubler, '10.	Nellie Brundage, '12.
Grace Howe, '10.	Flora Knox, '12.
Meta Kieckhefer, '10.	Gladys Morrell, '12.
Sadie Sutherland, '10.	Lucile Simon, '12.
Lillian Zimmerman, '10.	Gladys Sutherland, '12.
Mary Cole, '11.	Verna Tyler, '12.
Irma Hellberg, '11.	Mable Borgan (Pledge), '12.
Helen Jennings, '11.	Hazel Peterson (Pledge), '12.
Alma Slater, '11.	

Total membership, 45; number of year's initiates, 9.

Honors conferred by students: Marge H'Doubler, President of Inter-Sorority Bowling League, on the class bowling team, class basketball team, all-star basketball team; Meta Kieckhefer, class bowling team; Alma Slater, class bowling team; Fay Vaughan, class bowling team; Pattie Allen, Freshman basketball team, baseball team. Pattie Allen and Gladys Morrell were elected to the Women's Athletic Association.

Number of faculty, 460; enrollment, 4,500.

Women's fraternities represented: $\Delta \Gamma$, active membership 34; $\mathbf{K} \mathbf{K} \Gamma$, 33; $\Gamma \Phi \mathbf{B}$, 33; $\Pi \mathbf{B} \Phi$, 31; $\mathbf{K} \mathbf{A} \Theta$, 24; $\Delta \Delta \Delta$, 23; $\Delta \Xi \Delta$, 22; $\mathbf{A} \Phi$, 21; $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \Omega$, 19; $\mathbf{X} \Omega$, 18; $\mathbf{A} \Gamma \Delta$, 18.

Alumna Advisor: Marjory Grafius Birkhoff.

The spring term this year has been a very busy one for us, but an enjoyable one as well. We can hardly realize that in a few short weeks we will be leaving Madison and will not see one another for three months. Only two of the girls graduate this year, and one of those we will not lose entirely, because she is a town girl. Several of the girls do not expect to come back next year, but as a great many do, we look forward to starting in next year with a larger number of active girls than ever before.

On March 13th we gave an informal dance, and on May 15th a very informal affair at the house, both of which were enjoyed greatly. Our spring informal came the 28th of May, and, as it was the time of the Inter-scholastic meet, several guests from out of town were present. Bess Shanley (B) was one of the number. They all stayed over Saturday and Sunday, and we gave affairs for them. Saturday afternoon we went across Lake Monona to Esther Beach and took our lunch; Saturday night we went to the theater; and Sunday afternoon we went driving and pointed out to the guests Madison's beautiful residences, its parks, and lakes.

On June 1st our annual May fete takes place. It will be on the upper campus, and, with five hundred co-eds taking part, it is assured of success. The exercises include a grand May-pole Dance, the Milk-maids' Dance, the Waltz Circle, and the Peasants' March. Immediately after the affair, the Y. W. C. A. is to give a social evening for the girls of the University, for which each woman's organization has been asked to give a stunt.

The minstrel show given on March 24th by the Engineers of the University was largely attended and greatly enjoyed by everyone. There were forty

in the chorus. The double sextette, composed of six men and six others dressed as girls, made the hit of the evening.

On April 3rd the University circus, given every two years, took place in the gymnasium. The acrobatic acts given by the gymnasium team were especially fine. The other acts and the menagerie were furnished by the different fraternities. Chi Psi received the prize for the best animal.

The Dancing Doll, a comic opera in two acts, was presented here by the Haresfoot Club April 28th and 30th. The parts of girls as well as men were all taken by men, and, although a comic opera was being tried for the first time, they made it a great success, so much so that they gave it in Milwaukee on May 1st.

Commencement this year is to be on the 23rd of June. A statue of Lincoln, presented to the University by Mr. Brittingham of Madison, is to be unveiled some time during Commencement week. The pedestal has already been erected and is in the middle of the upper campus in front of Main Hall. The statue is an exact replica of the statue of Lincoln in his birthplace in Kentucky.

Kappa wishes all her sister chapters a very happy and profitable summer.

LAMBDA

Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

Frances Waldo, '08.	Myra Jones, '11.
Helen Cunningham, '09.	Ethel Lansing, '11.
Ruth Harlow, '09.	Ethel McCoy, '11.
Martha Lee, '09.	Millie Stebbins, '11.
Mary Emma Griffith, '10.	Ruth Bancroft, '12.
Flora Kaufhold, '10.	Grace Griffith, '12.
Alice Mickelsen, '10.	Greta Gyer, '12.
Mildred Moody, '10.	Margaret Nau, '12.
Louise Sanders, '10.	Isabel Reid, '12.
Ina Weyrauch, '10.	Mary Shafer, '12.
Jane Wood, '10.	Harriet Snell, '12.
Grace Young, '10.	Adah Thomlinson, '12.
Ruth Hutchins, '11.	Mabel Wheelock, '12.

Total membership, 35; number of this year's initiates, 9.

Honors conferred by students: Ruth Harlow, Eta Pi Upsilon (Senior women's society); Ina Weyrauch, Eta Pi Upsilon, "Syracusan" Board of Editors; Margaret Nau, Iota Tau (Sophomore women's society).

Women's fraternities represented in University: A Φ, membership 30; Γ Φ B, 40; K K Γ, 26; K A Θ, 31; Π B Φ, 32; A X Ω, 26; Δ Δ Δ, 31; Δ Γ, 29; A Ξ Δ, 28; A Γ Δ, 28; Σ K, 30; M Φ E, 28.

Alumna Advisor: Mrs. Arthur Holmes, Δ, 210 Fifth St., Syracuse, N. Y.

Lambda is beginning to feel real aged with five younger sisters, but it is such a pleasant feeling that we should not mind having another five years added. We, such a short time ago the baby chapter, wish every success to the new baby.

Along with the fraternity our chapter, too, has been growing. On the evening of April 30th we initiated Isabel Reid of Cold Springs, N. Y., and Harriet Snell of Iliion, N. Y. This brings our active membership to twenty-six. Twenty-six girls in chapter meeting! Isn't it inspiring?

For Senior "stunt" night, April 16th, each girl received an invitation to dinner at the chapter house. The rooms were arranged café style, with four places at each table. There the most appetizing menu cards informed us what we ought to expect, but soup made of starch, cotton potatoes and croquettes, and catsup punch shattered all our expectations. Redeeming features, however, followed in the shape of real salad, sandwiches, and coffee. As half the girls were invited to come in masculine attire and several appeared in dress suits and long-tailed coats, the dining-room presented a very brilliant and fashionable scene.

Mrs. Holmes (Δ), our chapter advisor, invited us all to her home on the evening of April 24th for the examination. After that was over we had a social hour, talking and singing, eating refreshments, and admiring the many pretty things Mrs. Holmes brought back with her from California.

May 8th we gave our annual banquet to the Seniors. The Juniors constituted the committee in charge and worked out their ideas as a surprise for the rest of the chapter. The menu cards were in the form of a magazine with a picture of the editorial board (the Juniors) on the cover. The menu appeared as the names of periodicals under the heading, "The Literary Digest." The toast list was headed "The LYRE" and Jane Wood, as editor-in-chief, called for the following toasts:

"In the Public Eye"	Evalyn Peterson
"Foreign News"	Ina Weyrauch
"Topics of the Day"	Ruth Bancroft
"Poetry"	Ruth Harlow
"Advice to the Lovelorn and Others"	Myra Jones
"Fiction"	Mildred Moody
"Advertisements"	Harriet Snell

Thirty-one sat down at the table, and all the alumnae who were not present sent letters which were read as "Foreign News." At this time the chapter presented each of the Seniors with an Alpha Chi stick-pin and the Seniors gave to the chapter a very handsome brass drop-light.

Our chapter library now contains twenty-five volumes, with a promise of more.

Y. W. C. A. is to hold its annual convention at Silver Bay in June and we are very busy trying to decide who shall be our delegates. Last year five of our girls went but we cannot hope to have so many this time.

The athletic season this spring has been very interesting. Baseball games with St. Lawrence, Carlisle, Columbia, Fordham, Hamilton, and Michigan, and track meets with Colgate and Carlisle, furnished an opportunity for many good plays. An outdoor basketball court for women has just been provided on the campus and promises to furnish much amusement.

Y. W. C. A. recently gave a "Faculty" party to the Senior women. Some of the girls were dressed to represent different members of the faculty and refused or granted petitions of the students as they saw fit or were moved by the eloquence of the petitioning party.

On May 4th the University celebrated "moving-up" day. The Seniors put on their caps and gowns and marched into chapel, where a representative from

each class made a short speech. After these exercises the Freshmen gave a parade and buried their green caps with all due ceremony.

Lambda wishes all her sisters the best success in the approaching examinations and the jolliest and best vacation they ever had.

MU

Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

Alice Barrows.	Margaret Schimelfenig, '09.
Iroline Dye, '11.	Myrtle Schimelfenig, '11.
Nellie Harris.	Effie Silliman.
Ethyl MacFadon, '10.	Bessie Snell, '11.
Mildred McFadon, '11.	Beth Watson, '10.
Carrie Irma McBride, '11.	Leila Watson, '09.
Carrie Ida McBride, '10.	Georgia Watson, '12.
Fern Ogg, '11.	Faye Wheeler, '12.
Mary Ogg, '11.	

Honors conferred by faculty: Alice Barrows, Vice-President of Music Club, Instructor, member of Student Council; Nellie Harris, Chairman Membership Committee of Music Club.

Honors conferred by students: Ethyl MacFadon, Secretary of Y. W. C. A., Joke Editor of Zenith (College annual), Oratorio soloist; Mildred McFadon, Secretary of Pan-Hellenic Council; Carrie Ida McBride, Oratorio quartette, Glee Club soloist; Fern Ogg, winner of Roman's Oratorical Contest, Annual Scholarship Honors, Critic in Zetaethian Literary Society; Mary Ogg, Critic in Alpan Literary Society; Margaret Schimelfenig, Vice-President of Y. W. C. A., Vice-President of Zetaethian Literary Society, Annual Scholarship Honors; Myrtle Schimelfenig, Vice-President of Sophomore class, Treasurer of Zetaethian Literary Society, Annual Scholarship Honors; Bessie Snell, Students' Council; Beth Watson, President of Music Club; Leila Watson, Vice-President of Alpan Literary Society; Georgia Watson, Secretary of Students' Council.

When these letters are read the busy, busy times of examinations and Commencement will be over. We hope that every girl will be spending a happy, useful, restful vacation. Just now rest and quiet seem to be only names. Mu has only two Seniors this year, but they both are girls who have grown so dear to us that they will leave a great vacancy in our ranks. These girls are Margaret Schimelfenig and Leila Watson. They are from two of our four groups of three sisters. Since both their homes are in Indianola we do not feel that we are entirely losing them from active chapter life.

Commencement for Simpson begins June 5th, and continues until the next Thursday. The exercises will probably be similar to those of many of the other schools. Four of our old girls have already found their way back to Simpson for Commencement. We are at present making jubilant plans for a house-party in Mary Berry Hall. This will immediately follow Commencement and we expect at least twenty-five of our girls to be together. But I must not anticipate—I suppose this belongs in the next letter. Only let me say that to a chapter which has no house these few days of living

together afford a wonderful opportunity for enjoying each other and for learning to know each other better.

Since our last letter we are glad to report two new members, Georgia Watson of Indianola, and Faye Wheeler of Litchfield, Minn.

During the spring our principal social events have been our birthday party and the big annual party. Mrs. Clayton, our patroness, kindly offered her beautiful home for these affairs. To the birthday party we invited all the Greeks of the College. The songs of each fraternity formed one interesting feature of the evening. We are grateful for the friendly feeling among the fraternities at Simpson. The "man party" took place April 10th. Edna Todhunter and Vava Dick, two of our last year girls, came from their homes to attend. The entertainment consisted of a comic operetta entitled "Jacobi," which was given by three of the girls. This was followed by a five-course banquet. The Easter idea was carried out in the color scheme.

If any Alpha Chis are near Indianola this summer, we hope they will pay Mu a visit. A number of the girls will be here and will be glad to meet their sisters. May the vacation prepare us, one and all, for an active, prosperous life next year.

NU

University of Colorado, Boulder, Col.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

Ethel Brown, '12.	Helen McGraw, '12.
Zella Curtin, '09.	Wilhelmina Mosby, '10.
Lucy Dowie, '12.	Ella Noxen, '12.
Frankie Faus, '10.	Mollie Rauh, '10.
Frances Foote, '10.	Ida Warner, '10.
Flora Goldsworthy, '10.	Mary Todd, '10.
Inger Hoen, '12.	

Year's initiates, 9.

Honors conferred by students: Frankie Faus, Vice-President Y. W. C. A. Alumna Advisor: Zella Curtin, 811 Mapleton Ave., Boulder, Col.

The best thing in all the year's events was the visit of Mrs. Loud in April. We only regretted that her stay was so short, but she left us such inspiration and so many excellent suggestions that our zeal for A X Ω has wondrously increased.

High School Day was observed on May 15th. This is one of the great events at this University, especially for the fraternities, each of which extends some courtesy to the visitors. We entertained at a reception in the morning and a luncheon to a few invited guests at noon. After lunch nearly everyone attended the track meet, in which most of the High Schools in the state are represented.

The University Choral Society, in connection with the Chicago Symphony Concert Company, gave three fine concerts here on May 13th and 14th. The Choral Society was organized in the fall of '08 and we are proud of the success they have achieved. Two Alpha Chis are members of the society.

A campus party was given Saturday evening, May 22nd, in different rooms of the University buildings. Main building had a variety of entertain-

ments, one of which was a "trip around the world." The rest room in the Library was especially pretty, decorated in Japanese fashion. Tea was served by maidens dressed in Eastern style. The gymnasium was converted into a dancing-hall and was the most attractive place of all.

Everyone is as busy as can be, for this is the last week of study. Examinations will all be over with the 4th of June. We are looking forward to an interesting time Commencement week, as some of the old girls are coming back for the festivities.

Best wishes for a happy vacation to all Alpha Chis.

XI

University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

May Bardwell, Faculty.	May Harrison, Pledge.
Vera Upton, Faculty.	Ethel Cathcart, Pledge.
Bertha Howard, Post Graduate.	Elsie Prewitt, '11.
Lilah David, '09.	Clara Smith, '11.
Genevieve Fodrea, '09.	Florence Davis, '11.
Ethel MacFarlane, '09.	Irene Little, '11.
Marion Whitmore, '10.	Nettie Hill, '12.
Coralie Meyer, '10.	Grace Holman, '12.
Linna Timmerman, '10.	Hazel Teeters, '12.
Mabel Doran, '10.	Hazel Clark, '12.
Irmal Zérffing, '10.	Metta Yost, '12.
Nell Whitmore, '10.	Vera Cox, '12.
Beulah Jennings, '10.	Wilhelmina Comstock, '12.
Irma Franklin, '10.	Hazel Joy, Special.
Maud Thomas, Special.	Kathryne Bain, Pledge.
Harriet Bardwell, Special.	Verna Hyder, Pledge.
Edna Harrison, Pledge.	

Total membership, 32; number of year's initiates, 15.

Honors conferred by faculty: May Bardwell, A. M. Degree.

Honors conferred by students: Linna Timmerman, "Cornhusker" staff, Florence Davis, Silver Serpent (Junior society); Verna Hyder, Xi Delta (Sophomore society); Coralie Meyer, German Club; Beulah Jennings, Vice-President Junior class; Lilah David, Senior Convocation Committee, Senior Orator Committee; Mable Doran, May Harrison, Ethel Cathcart, Edna Harrison, Undergraduate Musical Program; Beulah Jennings, Y. W. C. A. Cabinet, Vice-President; Marion Whitmore, Lilah David, Beulah Jennings, members of College Equal Suffrage Society; Irma Franklin, Sophomore Hop Committee, Junior Hop Committee, Class Secretary; Marion Whitmore, Nell Whitmore, Silver Serpent (Junior society).

Number of faculty, 175; enrollment, 3,350.

Sororities represented: $\Pi B \Phi$, membership 29; $\Delta \Gamma$, 28; $K K \Gamma$, 23; $\Delta \Delta \Delta$, 36; $A X \Omega$, 30; $X \Omega$, 22; $A \Phi$, 19; $A O \Pi$, 29; $K A \Theta$, 21.

Alumna Advisor: Harriett E. Bardwell.

School is nearly over for this year and all of Xi's members are busy with examinations and the thousand little things which invariably come up before

we go home. It does not seem possible that the annual separation is at hand. However, we have had an unusually successful year.

One of the happiest times of this year was when we moved into our new house. It is just one block from school and right in the fraternity colony. There is a gradual tendency of the fraternities here to congregate and many are now in the same neighborhood. Immediately next to us are $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Kappa \Lambda \Theta$, and $\Pi B \Phi$; removed a few blocks are the others. We moved on the morning of May 15th and, following our usual strenuous fashion, gave a house-party in the evening, serving ices and wafers. This was one of our most enjoyable as well as important parties, because of its being High School Day.

Mrs. Billmeyer, of whom we all think so much, is still with us and is going to live in our house during the summer. Our new home is well suited to all kinds of entertaining, with the added convenience of plenty of sleeping apartments.

Emma Eugenia Farrow has returned from a year's sojourn abroad. While in Paris she made her home with Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Eames, late of the Nebraska Conservatory, and with him further pursued her musical studies. On May 24th, after fraternity meeting, Emma entertained the girls with a short musical program. Mrs. Condra and Mrs. Gale, two of our patronesses, were present also, and with us, noticed her marked improvement in tonality, musicianship and interpretation. Emma had a very flattering "write-up" in the Musical Courier in its last number, which attested the appreciation of the Parisian musical world for her talent in this line.

Ξ had another opportunity to present a second time, and to a charter member, her usual gift of silver forks—to Beulah Goodson, who, last month, was married to Mr. Roland Kennedy of Dallas, Tex. Beulah's wedding was very quiet, owing to the serious illness of her sister. The ceremony took place at 8 o'clock at the family home on Troost Avenue, and at 11 o'clock that night she left for her new home in Dallas.

Maude Powell, one of the world's most talented violinists and a loyal Alpha Chi, appeared to great advantage and to great enthusiasm in a recital at Lincoln, April 6th. She was accompanied by an eminent celloist, Miss Mulce, and pianist, Miss Forde, both ladies of London, England. Ξ girls occupied the two boxes at the Temple Theater, later going to a banquet held in the "ordinary" of the Lincoln Hotel, which they gave in honor of their guests. A most enjoyable evening was had, with an impromptu speech by Mme. Powell, in which she assured us of her loyalty to Alpha Chi. She completely won our hearts by her evident interest in all that pertains to her fraternity, but particularly, by her marvelous playing of the violin. The other two ladies were no less enjoyable at the piano and the cello.

May-day, as is our custom, we gave a May-day musical, inviting our mothers, patronesses and friends. This was our last function in the old house. The decorations were scarlet carnations and smilax, wreathed about a cut-glass punch-bowl. This was filled with scarlet ice. Dainty cakes and scarlet and green candies completed the refreshments. Several of the girls made some very original little programs for the occasion with $A X \Omega$ in gold on a white background.

The announcement that a new chapter of a national fraternity was about to be established in the University of Nebraska has aroused considerable interest among the other organizations. The national organization which is understood to be extending to Nebraska is Sigma Nu. In past years Sigma Nu has made one or two efforts to locate a chapter here, but heretofore nothing definite has resulted from the desire of the national officers. This spring a

number of the students petitioned the National Council of Sigma Nu and it is understood that their request has been granted. Installation is said to be in order before the close of the semester.

The Kappa Alpha Theta alumnæ have been granted a charter under the name of "Tau" Chapter.

Xi has an innovation, we believe, in official fraternity calling cards. These we had engraved at moderate cost and find them very useful when making fraternity calls. Committees have been appointed to call on certain of our friends and patronesses, thus greatly systematizing the practice.

The Senior class of the University has presented the school with a drinking fountain as a memento of the class.

On the evening of March 10th, Xi's violinist, Genevieve Fodrea, appeared to great advantage in a graduating recital at the University Temple Theater. Her excellent program was given to a large and enthusiastic audience.

On April 27th, our second Conservatory graduate, Ethel McFarlane—a pianist, this time—gave her recital. Ethel's program was one of which Alpha Chi might well feel proud.

Both Ethel and Genevieve are unusually talented and have made arrangements for concertizing next fall.

On May 10th, Genevieve played the Paganini-Wilhelmj concerto, with full orchestra accompaniment.

The annual Pan-Hellenic dance took place at the Auditorium May 19th. Xi was well represented. This dance is an inter-fraternity function held yearly at the close of school.

May 26th the annual competitive drill of cadets was held. School always suspends for the dress parade of cadets and co-(c)ad(ets).

Xi has just purchased a handsome new dining-room set of old English oak.

Alpha Chi at Nebraska sends the best wishes to our new California sisters and wishes all a happy vacation, and extends a cordial welcome to all to visit her in her new home.

OMICRON

Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

Bonnidell Sisson, '09.	Mae Dennis, '11.
Edna Pierce, '09.	Murriel Lough, '11.
Laura Nicholson, '09.	Ethel Kreager, '11.
Aletha Kelly, '09.	Martha Parish, '11.
Zula Green, '10.	Louise Shipman, '12.
Minerva Bragg, '10.	Vivian Nuzman, '12.
Grace Davenport, '10.	Margaret Hamilton, '12.
Jessie Edwards, '10.	Bertha Nusbaum, '12.
Edith Bideau, '11.	Estelle Durboraw, '12.
Bullah Kinzer, '11.	Opal Stine, '12.

Total membership, 47; number of year's initiates, 9.

Honors conferred by faculty: Edith Bideau, leading part in "Bohemian Girl"; Ethel Krager, Soprano Soloist in important programs.

Honors conferred by students: Zula Green, Junior Plap. Annual Board, member of Student Council; Minerva Bragg, Secretary of the Athletic Asso-

ciation, Junior Play, Annual Board; Mae Dennis, Queen of Sophomore class, Y. W. C. A. Cabinet; Laura Nicholson, President of Clionian Literary Society, member of the B. U. L. A.; Edith Bideau, Queen of Sophomore class, member of Student Council.

Number of faculty, 33; enrollment, 900 to 1,000.

Sororities represented: $\Delta \Delta \Delta$, active membership 21, year's initiates 9; $\Lambda \Sigma \Omega$.

Alumna Advisor: Miss Burdean Motter.

First of all, we wish to extend heartiest greetings to Pi.

The present Commencement of Baker University closes not only the grandest year in the history of our local chapter but of the University itself. The commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the University brought back many alumni. Omicron had her share of alumnæ and initiated twelve of the original chapter into Alpha Chi Omega. It was a busy week, as nearly every hour of the day and evening was given over to University events. Bishop McDowell, Bishop Quayle and Bishop Warren were each present. Bishop Warren gave the Commencement address. Leading men of the state in education and political life were present at different times throughout the week, but some way during the many events we managed to have our alumnæ at the house from time to time. Monday evening of Commencement week we gave a reception after the evening address, and Wednesday morning a breakfast at 6:30 in honor of all the girls who had returned. Following the breakfast we initiated six alumnæ who caught the spirit of Alpha Chi and were proud and happy to be one with us. The evening before we initiated six others and it was a great time of rejoicing and enthusiasm.

There were four Senior girls to graduate—Bonnidell Sisson, Edna Pearce, Laura Nicholson, and Aletha Kelly. Each received an Alpha Chi spoon from the undergraduate girls, who thus wished to express their appreciation of their Seniors' four years in college and fraternity.

We were pleased and happy that Mrs. Loud could stop and see us on her return from California. Needless to say, we profited greatly by her visit. Previous to this visit, Mrs. Hoover of Kansas City, Mo., formerly of Theta Chapter, visited us and was the guest of the girls at 6 o'clock dinner. We gave a luncheon May 24th at the home of the Misses Grace and Blanche Davenport, in Ottawa, Kan., a twenty-minute ride from Baldwin. It was at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Davenport that we had the pleasure of entertaining our guests in their beautiful home. There were over fifty guests. We had our private car chartered for the occasion and went down about ten o'clock in the morning and returned at 4 in the afternoon. On our arrival at the Davenport home everything was in readiness as was evidenced by the tables already arranged upon the porch and lawn, beautifully decorated in ferns and red carnations. Place cards of the lyre in gold and black were suggestively used. A short musical program, in which Prof. McCutcheon and Prof. Landsbury assisted, was given before and after the luncheon. Just before leaving on the afternoon train we sang Alpha Chi songs and it is needless to say that our car rang with them on our return trip.

The Anniversary week has somewhat overshadowed the last half of the semester, but notwithstanding it there has been the usual amount of college affairs, not the least of which were the debates with DePauw University and Washburn University, both of which Baker won. During the last meeting of the trustees, football, which has been ruled out of the college for ten years, was reinstated, consequently wild demonstrations were made when the decision

was first announced. The band came out and was followed over the campus and into the Assembly Hall with a great part of the student body marching behind, waving pennants and giving the University yells. When Baker used to play football she took a leading place in the state, and much is now expected of her through the reinstatement.

Dr. and Mrs. Murlin have been granted a leave of absence for a year, which they will spend in Germany. Dr. Murlin will have charge of the American Church in Berlin. In honor of the Senior class, Dr. and Mrs. Murlin entertained at their home shortly before Commencement. Suggestive of the class organization, which is the Roman Senate, Mrs. Murlin very interestingly arranged for a Roman wedding, which was given in detail. The costumes were carefully made and the ceremony conducted in Latin by the Pontifex Maximus. The presents of the lictors and pueri were delightfully suggestive of Roman days and customs.

The first annual of the Pan-Hellenic Association was given in Kansas City the 18th of May. The sororities represented were $\Pi \text{ B } \Phi$, $\text{K } \Delta \Theta$, $\text{K } \text{K } \Gamma$, $\Delta \Phi$, $\Gamma \Phi \text{ B}$, $\Delta \text{ X } \Omega$, $\Delta \Delta \Delta$, and $\text{X } \Omega$. Mrs. Fred Hoover (Θ) responded for $\Delta \text{ X } \Omega$. Those present from Omicron Chapter were Mrs. Edith Kurtz Apple, Blanche Wakefield and Burdean Motter.

We are looking forward to having a new home for next year, and as it is located on Campus Street, we feel it is one of the most attractive locations in Baldwin. Alpha Chi Omega has meant to us this year broader and truer fraternalism, and we wish you all a happy vacation and promise for the next year.

The following are the names of the alumnae initiated during Anniversary Commencement week: Ester Freed, Nelle Chaffee, Mrs. Nelle McClain, Mrs. Roy Mills, Mrs. Charles Lewis, Mrs. A. A. Coppock, Miss Alice Lanyon, Miss Gladys Nuzman, Miss Frances Gould, Mrs. Evelyn Odom, Miss Dorothy Christman, Mrs. C. H. Harpster.

PI

University of California, Berkeley, Cal.

In this, her first letter to the LYRE, Pi wishes to extend greetings to all her Alpha Chi sisters and to wish them all a very happy vacation.

We were very much pleased to receive the letters and telegrams of congratulation from the Grand Council and the various chapters far and near, at the time of our installation.

The last two weeks of college were busy ones indeed, since, in addition to the regular term examinations and the Commencement festivities, we had our installation. This event, which was a happy one for us, came at the end of our last week of examinations, so we had only Commencement week of this term as Alpha Chi Omega.

It was our great privilege to become acquainted with Miss Siller and also some of the Epsilon and Delta Delta girls. We enjoyed their visit with us very much and were sorry to have them leave us on Commencement Day.

The real Commencement program began with the Baccalaureate sermon in the Greek Theatre on Sunday afternoon.

On Tuesday morning the class pilgrimage occurred, the main feature of this being the speeches given by members of the faculty and prominent Seniors from the various buildings they visited.

In the afternoon several of our girls and our guests went to the fraternity receptions which are given only at this time in the college year.

The really great event of the week was the Senior Extravaganza, which took place Tuesday night in the Greek Theatre. Our four Seniors took part in the choruses, one of them taking a leading part of one of the prettiest. The whole extravaganza was very clever and represented much faithful work on the part of the participants. We think our guests will agree with us in saying that it was beautiful, as the Greek Theatre lends itself most excellently for anything of this nature.

Wednesday morning was the regular program for Commencement, and the large crowd which attended on this occasion, as on all the others, showed the interest which the people feel in our University. We were very proud, indeed, when on Commencement morning we learned that two of our Seniors, Beatrice Bocarde and Byrd Howell, were graduating with honorable mention. As we watched our Seniors march up in the long line to receive their degrees and then their diplomas, we felt that a very eventful college year was really closed. We are all eagerly looking forward to next year, however, when we shall begin our first term as Alpha Chi Omega.

ALPHA ALPHA, CHICAGO

Alpha Alpha seems very energetic this spring. We have just had the April business meeting, which was held at the Carrie Abbie, and new officers elected for the year.

One innovation is a series of sewing bees or porch parties, which is being planned for all summer, and we hope to have a number of real good informal times.

Mrs. Ralph Dennis entertained at five hundred, Saturday, May 15th, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Plans are well under way for our annual banquet, which is to be held in Chicago in June.

A musical undertaking which will be of unusual interest will be held in Evanston at the new Patten Gymnasium on June 3-4-5. It will be of larger proportions than any that has been undertaken in Chicago for several years. Four concerts are planned. Thursday evening is "Festival Inauguration Night"; Friday evening is "Artists' Night"; Saturday afternoon, "Young People's Matinee"; Saturday evening, "Oratorio Night." The forces engaged are Thomas Orchestra; a chorus of 500 voices; a children's chorus of 1,000 voices; and the soloists are Perceval Allen, soprano; Mme. Schumann-Heink, mezzo soprano; Margaret Keyes, contralto; Dan Beddoe, tenor; David Bispham, baritone; Arthur Middleton, bass. P. C. Lutkin will be musicale director of the whole affair.

Alpha Alpha sends greetings to Pi Chapter.

BETA BETA, INDIANAPOLIS

Since our last letter to the LYRE, Beta Beta has held two very interesting meetings. The April meeting was with Lillian Moore Cottingham, and after spending a social hour we proceeded to the business of the afternoon.

The May meeting was with Lena Scott Wild. There we transacted some very important business and decided upon silver for their dining-room, as a

gift from Beta Beta to Alpha. We also planned to attend the reunion at the Alpha chapter house during Commencement week.

During March Beta Beta lost one of her most enthusiastic girls. Marie Wood was married to Philip Scott Rush and left immediately for her new home in Butte, Mont.

It seems hardly possible that summer is here again. Some of the girls have already moved into their summer homes and others are planning their vacations for the summer, so after the June meeting Beta Beta adjourned until the second Saturday afternoon in September, when we will begin the new year with increased interest and increased membership.

Beta Beta wishes all Alpha Chis a very pleasant summer.

GAMMA GAMMA, NEW YORK

The course of Gamma Gamma has gone on smoothly, if somewhat uneventfully, during the past three months. The luncheons on the second Friday of the month have been fairly well attended, and the girls who come seem to have no lack of enthusiastic interest in fraternity affairs, even when the number is small. We were glad to have a part in welcoming the new chapter at Berkeley, by giving a unanimous vote in the affirmative to their petition for a charter.

At the April meeting we were very happy to welcome three new members,—Mrs. F. F. Lewis (Lillian MacMillan, Zeta), Mrs. Mary Tinker Bovee (Theta), and Miss Ruth Anna Swan (Delta); also a guest, Miss Clara Louise Lord (Delta) of Meadville, Pa., who was visiting friends in New York.

On Saturday, May 8th, we were invited to a luncheon at the home of our President, Mrs. H. M. Kent (Fay Barnaby), at Bayonne, N. J., and were most delightfully entertained. We were welcomed by Mrs. Kent, her mother, Mrs. Barnaby, and Mrs. Wellman, with whom Mrs. Kent makes her home. So there was a triple degree of cordiality in the reception, which made itself manifest throughout the entire day, and surely never were Alpha Chis more beautifully entertained. Even Mrs. Wellman's two attractive young daughters had so entered into the spirit of the event that they carried out our colors most effectively with their red and green bows and the heightened color of their cheeks. A delicious luncheon was served, with our colors again in evidence. Among the guests were Mesdames Fall, Green, Taylor, Howard and Stevens, and Misses Northcroft, Dodson, Allinson, Lenhart and Evans, and Miss Carey, who was a guest at Mrs. Green's home.

After luncheon we spent a pleasant hour on the piazza and lawn, and Mr. Kent, who was able to retain his composure amid this invasion of femininity, took several kodak pictures of the group. The time passed all too quickly, but before leaving we enjoyed a little musicale, with violin solos by Miss Carey, and songs by Miss Evans and Mrs. Taylor.

As a fitting climax to a delightful day, just as we were about to leave, Miss Lillian Dodson announced her engagement to Mr. Archibald Douglas Brown, of Brown '07, and a member of Phi Gamma Delta. Our warmest congratulations were extended to Miss Dodson and we have happy anticipations of an Alpha Chi wedding sometime in the future.

DELTA DELTA, LOS ANGELES

When our last letter was written we were in the midst of festivities in honor of Mrs. Loud and Miss Siller. We had just issued invitations for a reception to the other fraternity women of the city. This was held at the Women's Club House and was a complete success. Tuesday of the following week Mrs. Osgood (Gamma) entertained at her pretty home in Hollywood. A part of the afternoon was spent in going through the beautiful home and studio of Paul De Logpre, the eminent flower artist. This certainly was a rare privilege, for not only did we feast our eyes on the rare and beautiful paintings, but also on the wonderful collection of Japanese curios, exquisite glass and other valuable bric-a-brac. From there, we went to Mrs. Osgood's home and enjoyed ourselves by looking over her old files of the LYRE.

Our next regular meeting was held at the home of Mrs. L. R. Garrett, at Eagle Rock, a truly beautiful spot about an hour's ride on the electric car from Los Angeles. Mrs. Garrett served us with a delicious "al fresco" luncheon, after which we held our regular business meeting.

March 16th we gave a dancing party at the city home of Mrs. Garrett on West Adams Street. Epsilon was invited to this, and everyone, of course, had a good time.

Miss Rowena Hall entertained us at our regular meeting in April. After disposing of the delicious luncheon which she had provided for us, we spent the rest of the afternoon in a social way, excepting the time taken out for a short business session.

Delta Delta appreciates most sincerely the honor of being allowed a delegate to assist Miss Siller at the installation of Pi Chapter at Berkeley. We sent Miss Carrie Trowbridge and Miss Ann Shepard, and they brought back a most glowing and enthusiastic account of our "baby chapter" and of the splendid time enjoyed. Their report was given at our regular May meeting, which was held at East Lake Park, where we partook of a picnic luncheon on the banks of the lake.

EPSILON EPSILON, DETROIT

The following is a list of those who have thus far identified themselves with Epsilon Epsilon Chapter:

Myrtle Wallace-Allen, Beta.	Harriet Veith-Robson, Delta.
Grace Culver, Beta.	Bess Tefft-Smith, Beta.
Ada Dickie-Hamblen, Beta.	Frank Busey-Soule, Iota.
Florence Woodhams-Henning, Beta.	Frances Dissette-Tackels, Beta.
Grace Harner, Theta.	Etta M. Tinker, Delta.
Winnifred VanBuskirk Mount, Zeta.	Florence Hoag-White, Beta.
Mabel Allen-Renwick, Theta.	Ora V. Woodworth, Beta.

For a long time Alpha Chis in Detroit have felt the need of an Alumnæ Chapter, but somehow the right leader failed to come to the front until the recent convention appointed Mrs. Ada Dickie-Hamblen (B) and Mrs. Frank Busey-Soule (I) to call the alumnæ together and see what could be done.

Accordingly a few of us assembled at Mrs. Hamblen's home on the afternoon of March 17th. Considerable enthusiasm was manifested, and it was decided that we ask for a charter.

Our first luncheon was held the following Saturday at the "Copper Kettle," a quaint and cosy little tea-room in the Valpey Building, said to be

under the management of two Vassar girls. Eleven Alpha Chis turned out to this luncheon,—also two of the younger generation, aged three and four respectively. The formal petition for a charter was signed at this time, and we began to feel that there was really “something doing” at last.

The April luncheon was not so well attended, owing to a Music Festival and other attractions, but those who were there report a good time,—at least some novel experiences. (Sometimes a Copper Kettle boils so slowly that hungry Alpha Chis are forced to “Kuhn” a luncheon or starve.)

Our petition for a charter having been granted, the May meeting became a business meeting and was held at the home of Mrs. Henning on Forest Avenue.

The June meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Mount, 24 Raycourt, when we expect to outline plans which will make our chapter profitable and pleasant to everyone of us. We hope to reach not only our sisters in Detroit, but all those who may care to come into the city for an occasional good old time. We ask the aid of all LYRE's readers in getting a list of such Alpha Chis. Names and addresses may be sent to Mrs. L. L. Renwick, 54 Connecticut Ave., Detroit.

We counted the Alpha Chi little ones the other day, resulting as follows: Mrs. Robson and Mrs. White each have three daughters, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Mount, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hamblen each have one daughter, making ten girls. Mrs. Tackels has one boy, two years old, the only boy in the lot.



PERSONALS



ALPHA

Elizabeth Hockridge is teaching music in Kansas City, Missouri.

Helen Birch returned June 1st from Galesburg, Illinois, where she has been teaching in the Conservatory of Music.

Mrs. Merle Gwin (Susa Rainier), of Rennsalaer, Indiana, spent Sunday, May 23rd, with Alpha sisters.

Mrs. Meta Horner Malsbary of New Richmond, Indiana, has a baby girl named Maxime.

Miss Mildred Rutledge, of the De Pauw School of Music, was called to her home by the death of her mother at Springfield, Illinois.

Mrs. Eugene Wilhite, who is a prominent teacher and organist in Danville, Illinois, visited the School of Music last term.

Mrs. Grace Meserve Maxwell, of Robinson, Illinois, visited Alpha Chi sisters April 18th.

Miss Aldah McCoy, of Lake, Indiana, visited Mary Carter at Shelbyville, April 24th.

Miss Pauline Thomas is attending Mrs. Blakers' Kindergarten School in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Susan Neal Washburn, of Brant, Canada, will be in Indiana this summer.

Mabel Rose is teaching school in Litchfield, Illinois.

Mrs. Rhoda Darby Price, of Fowler, visited Alpha Chi sisters a few days.

Miss Andrews has returned to her home in Brazil, after spending the winter in Colorado.

Among the girls back for the reunion in June are Mabel Miller Snively, Nell Gamble Childe, Carrie Little, Jessie Guild Reep, Jella Marshall, Ferne Wood, Mary Carter, Mrs. Lennant, Liah Martin, Amy DuBois Clark, Mrs. L. M. Stevenson, Anne Cowper Thwaite of Lone River, N. J., Mayme Winans, Kate Stanford, Marie Thompson, Mrs. Light, Mrs. Liola Fagua Ruckle.

BETA

Mrs. Alta Allen Loud returned about the middle of April from an extended western trip. She visited several of the chapters on her way home.

Mrs. Ada Dickie Hamlin has returned from a six weeks' visit in Detroit.

Miss Margaret Mosher spent a week in Detroit in April.

Miss Cleora Miller, of Hillsdale, spent Sunday, May 2nd, in Albion.

Miss Kate Granger, who has been touring the West, has returned home.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fiske Leonard has returned from a few weeks' stay in Toledo, being called there by the serious illness of Mrs. Helen Davis Pauce.

Mrs. Mae Allen Striker, who has been very seriously ill, has recovered her health.

Mrs. Belle Loder Taylor, of Battle Creek, came to Albion for the initiation of Miss Beulah Taylor, her sister, May 8th, and spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents here.

Mrs. Garfield spent a few days in Chicago in March.

Mrs. Clarence Flinn returned to Albion May 25th, after a trip with Mr. Flinn.

Bessie Shanley left May 22nd to attend a house party at the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Spence (Minnie Lewis), of Rutland, Vermont, visited Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Armstrong (Lillian Kirk) the first of May. Mrs. Spence attended the initiation of Miss Taylor, at the lodge, on the evening of May 8th, and was cordially welcomed by the alumnae and the chapter.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Reid (Jennie Dickenson), a son, Thomas William, March 6, 1909, Faulkton, South Dakota.

Miss Lulu Babcock, who has been teaching in East Jordan the past two years, has accepted a position for next year in the High School at Sault Ste. Marie.

Mrs. J. E. Bowman (Myrtle Hatswell), Beta, has returned to her home in Saginaw, Mich., after a nine weeks' trip to the Pacific Coast. Her visit in California was rendered more enjoyable through the hospitality of the Epsilon and Delta Delta girls, and on the return journey she had as a companion a Chi Omega girl who had Alpha Chi Omega friends. Fraternity pins continue to be an open sesame to delightful acquaintances.

GAMMA

Mrs. George R. Madson, 1424 Lakeside Avenue, Chicago, spent some time visiting friends in St. Louis during May.

Miss Theodora Chaffee is planning to spend the summer traveling in Europe with a small party of friends.

Mrs. Ernest L. Pratt, who recently moved from Evanston to Brooklyn, because of her husband's business, writes that they are pleasantly located at 471 East Seventeenth Street, where we hope Gamma Gamma may find her. Mrs. Pratt expects to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ewell, in Evanston, this summer.

Miss Viola Paulus, '07, whose home for the past year has been in Colorado Springs, Col., visited friends in Chicago and Evanston the last of May. Miss Paulus was teaching voice in the American Conservatory in Chicago up to the time of her departure for the West.

Miss Winifred Webster, '09, was the guest of Miss Florence Kelly, '08, at Madison, Wisconsin, on her way to Cresco, Iowa, the first week of June.

Miss Rachel Williams, '05, of Seneca, Kansas, spent several weeks with Miss Mabel Barlow, Bethany, Mo., at the time of the Barlow-Kautz wedding.

A number of Gamma's members, both active and alumnae, took part in the great June Music Festival held in the new Gymnasium of Northwestern University in Evanston, June 3, 4 and 5. Several are members of the A Cappella Choir, a small choral society which sang, unaccompanied, the beautiful double quartette numbers in the "Elijah" at the closing concert of the festival.

Florence Kelley spent several days at Northwestern at the time of the annual.

Helen Baird attended "Prom" and the Beta house-party at Wabash.

Grace Fisher expects to teach in the grammar school of Forest Park, a Chicago suburb, next year.

Jennie Fidler has been spending the spring in Winnipeg.

DELTA

Mrs. E. Wayne Robinson, one of Delta's charter members, was a guest at Hulings Hall recently.

Mrs. William H. Love, Delta, of Independence, Kansas, is visiting at her home in Meadville.

Miss Vesta Leet of Greenville, Delta, was the guest of Miss Louise Chase recently.

Miss Alice MacDowell is singing in the First Methodist Church of Bellevue.

Miss Amelia Greene of New York and Miss Mary Norris of Bellevue are the guests of Miss Mary Greene.

Mrs. Guert Ensign has been visiting in Meadville.

Miss Charlotte Marhoffer gave a pianoforte recital recently.

EPSILON

Miss Mary Barker (I), who is spending the year in Pasadena, was a recent visitor at the chapter house.

After a week's absence on account of illness, Phoebe Joslin has returned to school.

Lula Reeves recently spent a pleasant week with friends in Alhambra.

Louise White, Epsilon's Alumna Advisor, has moved to Alhambra.

Sue Shank recently assisted in one of the College of Oratory graduating recitals, with three vocal numbers.

Olive Berryman and Alice Crabb took advantage of the Memorial Day vacation and spent a few days with Mabel Farrington in El Monte.

At the same time Katherine Asher, also of El Monte, had as her guests Pansy Newlin, Esther Davidson and Olive La Clair.

Miss Mabel Siller, accompanied by her mother and sister, have gone to Ocean Park for a month's outing.

Katherine Asher and Olive La Clair were among the guests at a week-end house-party given by the Theta Psi Fraternity.

Pansy Newlin gave her piano graduating recital in the College Chapel, May 28th.

In the annual College of Music recital, Alpha Chi will be well represented by Pansy Newlin, Emma Williams and Ella Foster on the piano, Esther Davidson, pipe-organ, and Eleanor Clemens, violin, while Carrie Trowbridge will also appear as a faculty member.

ZETA

Miss Merle Reynolds passed through Boston the first of May on her way home from the Orient.

Miss Elizabeth Schaetzel left Boston May 23rd for her new home, San Diego, Cal.

Miss Carrie Aiton is to give a violin recital in Jordan Hall, May 28th, assisted by Mrs. White. This is the first violin recital that has been given by a Conservatory student in Jordan Hall.

Miss Winifred Byrd is expecting to leave Berlin in October in company with Mme. Carreno, with whom she has been studying the past year.

Miss Edith Bly made her debut in Steinert Hall, April 27th, before an enthusiastic audience.

On the evening of April 27th Miss Florence Larrabee gave a splendid program in Jordan Hall.

Miss Josephine Durrell is to spend the summer up at the Rangeley Lakes.

Miss Rachel Osgood was visiting in Boston recently.

Miss Irma Watson has been teaching and accompanying in and around Salt Lake City.

Miss Blanche Crafts expects to be home for Commencement.

Miss Aiton is to spend the summer in Minnesota.

A little daughter, Winifred Van Mount, came into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick L. Mount of Detroit, on April 24th, 1909. Mrs. Mount will be remembered as Winifred Van Buskirk.

Girlie Bowden, who was at the Conservatory in 1900, has since graduated from the Thomas Training School, Detroit, and is now teaching primary work in the schools at Marble, Minn.

Mrs. E. W. Rucker (Lora Lewis, Zeta), who has been traveling in Europe with her husband, has now settled in Dr. Rucker's former home in Birmingham, Ala., where they expect to reside permanently. Their address is 1765 Thirteenth Ave., South.

THETA

Born, May 24th, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, a daughter, Margaret Louise.

Mrs. Fiske Green expects to visit Mrs. Robert Howell, Ann Arbor, this summer.

IOTA

Ruth Reinhardt and Effie Wehrman are pledged to Yo Ma, the Sophomore inter-sorority society.

Marie Leebach has been made a member of the Junior sorority, Phi Delta Psi.

Ida Mack will sail for Europe the first of July, to be gone till October.

Bess Rose is to play Beethoven's "Concerto in C Minor" at the final recital of the School of Music, May 31.

At Mr. Arthur Bereford's annual students' recital on May 27th, Lora Withers sang "Nymphs and Shepherds" (Purcell), and "When Soul is Joined to Soul" (Mrs. H. H. A. Beach).

Fay Le Vere, Emily Ficklin, Mabel Bushong, and Lucy Lewis were back for the informal dance, April 16.

Alta Shipley visited at the chapter house the first of May.

Clara Fisher Brown and son, of Niles, Michigan, are visiting the former's mother in Champaign for a month.

Gertrude Knolls McGinley has a third son, born February 15.

Bess Stevenson expects to spend the summer abroad.

Mamie Lewis visited at the chapter house the last of May.

Bess Bryan was one of eight selected for solo work in Gounod's "Mors et Vitae," given by the Choral Society at the May Festival.

Mabel Hayward Rothgeb has a daughter, born in May.

Mabel Cluster visited in Chicago for a month this spring. She attended the Alpha Chi dance at Northwestern.

KAPPA

Sarah Morgan is back from California, where she spent the winter.

Hazel Alford has returned to Madison, after studying music in Chicago during the winter.

Fay Vaughan and Lucile Simon took part in a recital given here on April 23rd.

Bess Shanley (B) was down for our spring informal, May 28th.

We are expecting Katherine Riley and Anne Rueth to visit us in June, to be present at our first annual banquet, which will be given on June 19th.

LAMBDA

Adelaide Durston, '07, Evalyn Peterson, '08, and Selma Swenson, '08, spent Saturday and Sunday at the chapter house recently.

Evalyn Peterson has a position for the coming year at Patchogue, Long Island.

Selma Swenson spent a few days in New York City at Easter time.

Ina Weyrauch has been initiated into Eta Pi Upsilon, the Senior women's society.

Margaret Nau has been initiated into Iota Tau, the Sophomore women's society.

MU

Carrie MacFadon, '08, is visiting Simpson during Commencement.

Georgia Watson has just been released from a long quarantine for scarlet fever.

Ada Schimelfenig and Mayme Silliman have returned to Indianola from their schools.

Edna Todhunter and Vava Dick came from Earlham, Iowa, and Jefferson, Iowa, respectively, to attend the Alpha Chi Easter party.

Leila Watson spent several days in Des Moines studying for her Senior thesis.

Ethyl MacFadon again brought honor to Alpha Chi by her solo work in

the oratorio, "The Holy City," which was presented by the Conservatory during the May Festival.

The Junior piano recital of Beth Watson took place May 27th, at Edgerton Hall.

Margaret and Myrtle Schimelfenig are glad to welcome their brother Charles, who returns this spring after two years at West Point.

Mayme and Effie Silliman will spend the summer in Texas.

NU

Ethel Brown and Inger Hoen attended the opera, "Tannhauser," in Denver, the 19th inst.

Devina Housten, Pearl Weiland, and Irene Hall are expected here Commencement week.

Flora Goldsworthy expects to spend the summer in the state of Washington.

Jessie Rodgers has been offered a position in the Foreign Building at the Tacoma Exposition.

Inger Hoen leaves for her home in Edgerton, Wisconsin, the 3rd of June. She expects to attend the University of Wisconsin next year.

Frankie Faus has been invited to join the Honorary society, "Mortar Boards." Initiation takes place next week. The "Mortar Board" is a Senior society founded in 1908. Juniors having the highest credits have been invited to join.

Bessie Todd had to give up college on account of poor health. She went home the middle of April.

Lucy Dorvie and her mother expect to spend the summer in Boulder. They return to their home in Stockton, Kansas, in the fall.

Irene Hall, Nu, '08, who is teaching Latin at Castle Rock, Colorado, was quarantined for two weeks in May with diphtheria.

Jessie Rogers, Nu, '08, has been promoted from teaching in the grammar to the High School. Professor Thompson, who holds the chair of Education in the University of Colorado, says Miss Rogers is one of the most successful teachers graduated from that institution.

XI

Bertha Howard has returned from Kansas City, where she spent several days attending Miss Goodson's wedding and visiting friends.

Ethel MacFarlane and Genevieve Fodrea went to Fremont, Neb., during the latter part of April and gave a concert.

Edna Harrison recently gave an undergraduate recital.

Clara Smith was compelled to return home on account of illness, but we are expecting her back soon to be present at the few little social "stunts" we always have at the close of the year.

Our fraternity picture was a great success this year. On brown sepia, with about thirty-five individual pictures, it presents an unusual testimony of the growth and development of Alpha Chi at Nebraska.

Another of our girls who has been seriously ill is Lena Timmerman. She is in St. Joseph, Mo., now, taking treatment, and from last reports was getting along nicely.

Maude Thomas is having a fine trip through the East. Maude is in Pittsburg now and on the way home expects to call on the Alpha Chis at Madison. Marion and Nell Whitmore have recently joined the University Girls' Club.

Xi waited on the table at the banquet of the University of Nebraska Graduate Club.

May Bardwell takes her A. M. this year in Botany and Geology. May expects to teach next year, but is undecided where.

We were so disappointed that Mrs. Loud could not stop in Lincoln and visit us. The girls all think she is a very wonderful individual from the reports of the Convention delegates and would at least like to see if she is made of this "mortal's clay." Here's hoping that we will be more fortunate next time.

Acting Chancellor Avery has been permanently elected by the Regents of the University as Chancellor, taking the place made vacant by Chancellor Andrews' resignation.

Clara Smith intends to spend the early summer camping at Colorado Springs, Col.

Beulah Jennings goes soon to attend the Y. W. C. A. Convention at Cascade, Col. She is a member of the official cabinet.

Bertha Howard is to spend her vacation in Tacoma, Wash.

Hazel Joy gave a pre-nuptial dinner to one of her friends at the "Lindell."

Beulah Jennings is a member of the College Equal Suffrage League. It might be interesting to say that Maude Powell joined the college movement at Seattle along with Mme. Nordica.

Xi, according to popular comment, has initiated another "tall and stately" girl in the person of Amelia Carstonson. "Mil," as we call her, hails from Kansas and is specializing in violin work, in which she gives great promise. She intends to go to Berlin next year, but we hope to persuade her to stay another year with us.

Florence Davis has been elected a member of the girls' Junior society, Silver Serpent.

Miss Louise Pound, Kappa Gamma, and an earnest helper of Alpha Chi at Nebraska, especially at installation, has presented us with a new dining-room chair.

Emma Farrow brought us another gift for the house in an art lamp from Paris.

Verne Hyder leaves the latter part of June for Seattle and California. Harriett Bardwell also expects to visit in California, but not until later in the year.

We wish to thank Mr. Cox, Vera's father, for his generous gift to our furniture fund.

Lilah David leaves sometime in July for northern Minnesota to spend the summer at the lakes. Hazel Joy may accompany her.

We are very sorry to lose Mrs. Sommerville, who, with her family, is going to live in the East again. She has always taken a great interest in us and was always willing to help.

The father of Mrs. Grace Gamble, Gen. Brad Slaughter, died recently in Omaha. This was particularly sad, as Mrs. Gamble was in Paris.

Metta Yost intends to summer in the West.

Three of our girls appeared on the undergraduate recital at the Conservatory. This is considered quite an honor.

OMICRON

The following Alpha Chis were back for Commencement: Misses Bessie Boughton, Blanche Wakefield, Stella Morton, Blanche Davenport, Mrs. Ivy Farrar, Mrs. Edith Apple, Mrs. Jennie Haggart.

Mrs. Jennie Oechsli Haggart spent six weeks visiting in Boston and Cambridge this spring. She met the girls of Zeta and had delightful things to tell us about them. She was also present at the wedding of her brother, Mr. Leonard Oechsli, to Miss Lulu Boicourt of Zeta Chapter. Mr. Oechsli is studying in Harvard, but also has a pastoral charge at Oakdale, Mass.

Miss Edith Bideau has been engaged to sing at the Chautauqua at Ottawa, Kansas, for ten days.

Miss Vera Simpson, who has been taking post-graduate work at Northwestern University, will spend the summer in Boston and New York.

Miss Elizabeth Lockridge of Alpha Chapter, who is now in Kansas City, visited Omicron girls during Commencement.

Mrs. Ivy Rylie Farrar visited the girls during the Musical Festival.

ALPHA ALPHA

Mrs. Harry W. Osborne (Estella Hibbard, Zeta) visited her parents in Grand Rapids, Mich., during the month of May. Her Chicago home address is now 3202 Beason Street.

Miss Grace Richardson has returned from a five months' visit in Mississippi.

Mrs. Ernest Pratt is living near Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Theodora Chaffee will spend the summer abroad, traveling through Germany, France and England.

Mrs. Ralph Dennis is to spend the summer in Iowa.

BETA BETA

Jennie McHatton Barnett and son, Carl Worth, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. McHatton in Irvington.

Katherine Stanford of Brookston, Ind., spent several days the latter part of April with Beta Beta sisters.

On the 25th of March, Maude Meserve Stoner entertained the following Alpha Chis: Mae Headley Walker, Pendleton, Ind.; Lena Barrett Sparks, St. Johns, New Brunswick, Canada; Jessie Guild Reep, Fortville, Ind.; and Elma Patton Wade, Indianapolis.

A daughter was born to Laura Adams Henry, of Bedford, Iowa, in February.

Josephine Conn John has recently moved to Pittsboro, Ind., her husband having purchased a controlling interest in the bank at that place.

Sara Neal Washburn and little son Neal, of High River, Alberta, Canada, expect to visit friends in Indiana in the near future.

Gladys Meserve, Iota, visited Indianapolis friends recently.

Lena Scott Wild and son Robert visited in Anderson, Ind., the second week in April.

GAMMA GAMMA

Mrs. Frederick Green expects to go West this summer, making visits at Toledo, Ohio, and Lapeer and Ann Arbor, Mich.

Miss May Allison will spend the month of August in Boston.

Mrs. Fern Pickard Stevens goes to Jamestown, N. Y., for the months of July and August.

Miss Ada L. Lenhart will spend the summer in Meadville, Pa.

Miss Jessie Northcroft will be her brother's guest at Annapolis for June week and later expects to go to Stockbridge, Mass.

Mrs. Violet Truell Johnston will spend the summer at her cottage in Southport, Maine.

Mrs. Wade Hampton Rothgeb (Mabel Hayward) has returned from New York to East Orange, New Jersey.

Mrs. Lawrence R. Howard conducted a musical service on Sunday evening, May 30th, at Hope Chapel, Plainfield, N. J., and was assisted by Mrs. Violet Truell Johnston, violinist, and Mrs. Harry R. Moyer, contralto, the latter a member of Alpha Phi. Mrs. Howard goes to Medina, Ohio, for July and August.

Mrs. Harriet McLaughlin Gunnison will spend July and August in Central Valley, Orange County, N. Y.

Γ Γ Chapter had a jolly clam-bake at Coney Island on June 23rd. After the sea-food dinner, the girls initiated the brothers into the mysteries of Luna Park, some of the stunts proving rather more strenuous than a bona fide initiation.

DELTA DELTA

Mabel Chalfin recently returned from a six months' tour of Australia, Tahiti, and New Zealand, taken in company with her mother. They are both enthusiastic about the natural beauties of this part of the world.

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Osgood have been seriously ill, but we can now report that they are on the rapid road to recovery.

Mrs. Garrett has moved into her beautiful new home at Eagle Rock.

Carrie Trowbridge assisted at the recital of Pansy Newlin, Epsilon, which occurred May 28th, in the University Chapel.

Louise White has moved to Alhambra, where she is a neighbor of Pansy Newlin, Epsilon.

Sue Shenk assisted with several vocal numbers at one of the Senior Oratory recitals at U. S. C.

Lillian Arnett is now in Europe.

Delta Delta has been fortunate in having many eastern visitors lately, among them being Mrs. Bowman, Beta, Mrs. Sheparson, Zeta, Miss Bussey, Mu, and Miss Barker, Iota.

EPSILON EPSILON

Miss Grace Culver (B) is employed in the People's State Bank, while Miss Ora Woodworth, Beta, is book-keeper and stenographer for the Colonel Mining Company.

Miss Edith Leonard (Θ) is a Senior in the University, and we hope to have her with us next year, as her home is in Detroit.

Mrs. Frank Busey-Soule (I) will soon be mistress of a new home on California Avenue. We are fortunate in having Mrs. Soule in our chapter, as she is Grand Secretary, and our organization is largely due to her loyalty and enterprise.

Mrs. Lina Baum-Van Ray (B) and Mrs. Maude Armstrong-Hubbard (B) are expected to return soon from Crystal River, Fla., where they spent the winter.

Mrs. Florence Hoag-White (B), with her three little girls, will soon leave for their summer home at Spring Lake, Mich.

Miss Grace Harner (Θ) is studying cello with Mme. Elsa Ruegger. This is a rare privilege and no small honor, as Mme. Ruegger's pupils are limited to ten.

Mr. L. L. Renwick, husband of Mabel Allen (Θ), is at the head of the Organ department in the Detroit Conservatory, and teaches piano and composition also. He is organist at the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Marriages and Engagements

The latter part of April, Lula Boicourt (Z) was married to Mr. Oechsli of Boston.

In March, Marie Wood (B B) was married to Mr. Philip Scott Rush. Mr. and Mrs. Rush will reside in Butte, Montana.

Beulah Goodson (Z) was married to Mr. Roland Kennedy of Dallas, Texas, in May.

Lillian Dodson (Z) has announced her engagement to Mr. Archibald Douglas Brown, of Brown '07. Mr. Brown is a member of Φ Γ Δ.

The marriage of Harriet Leona Wemple (Γ) and Dr. MacCormick Smelters was solemnized at the home of the bride's father in Waverly, Ill., May 26, 1909. The ceremony, at which only the relatives and immediate friends were present, was followed by a large reception. Dr. and Mrs. Smelters started at once on a trip that included visits in New York, Boston, Denver, and Salt Lake City, and they will be at home to their friends after the 15th of June, in their home in Butte, Montana.

Hellen Rice was married to Mr. William Wright, of Wyoming, on April 7th. Nu Chapter gave her a china shower on the 2nd.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Sallie Lee Masterson (Z), of Ft. Worth, to Dr. Scott, also of Ft. Worth.

The engagement has just been announced of Miss Edith G. Freeman to Rev. Newell Scott Fiscus, President of Blairsville College, Blairsville, Pa.

On May 4th, 1909, Florence Clemens (Θ) was married to Mr. Frederick B. Kemp (Φ A Δ). They will make their home in Wenatchee, Washington.

Laura Scherffins (Θ) has announced her engagement to James Seiler (B Θ II).

Edith Steffner (Θ) has announced her engagement to Andrew Stanka (Α Κ Κ).

Miss Mabel Barlow, of Bethany, Mo. (Gamma '03), was married May 26th to Mr. Leslie R. Kantz of Kingston, Mo. Miss Rachel Williams, Gamma '05, of Seneca, Kansas, was bridesmaid.

On Wednesday, April 21st, occurred the marriage of Miss Blanche Simpson (Gamma '07) and Mr. Howard Myron Rosine (Φ Κ Ψ), at the home of the bride's parents, 1235 Chicago Avenue, Evanston. Many of her Alpha Chi Omega sisters were present, and among the beautiful gifts was a dozen Alpha Chi Omega spoons of handsome design, given her by Gamma Chapter. Mr. and Mrs. Rosine are at home at 1319 Chicago Avenue, Evanston.

"Ενθα καί"Ενθα

Δ X has granted a charter to the Field Law Club of the University of California, and has revoked the charter of the University of West Virginia Chapter.

Δ Y boasts of 1812 alumni subscribers to its quarterly, and is making a special effort to increase the number to 2,000 by November, 1909.

Δ Y is making an effort to organize the alumni into a corporation and to establish a permanent secretaryship for the fraternity. Chi Psi is, so far, the first fraternity to have a permanent secretaryship.

Γ Φ B has installed its Nu Chapter at the University of Oregon.

Σ X installed a chapter at the University of North Dakota in February.

July 10 will be Sigma Chi day at the Seattle exposition. The exposition will be decorated that day in Sigma Chi colors, and the Manufactures and Liberal Arts Buildings will be reserved especially for Sigs.

Α Τ Ω installed a chapter at Kentucky State University on February 22.

Δ Δ Δ installed its Omega Chapter at the University of Leland Stanford in January.

Α Ξ Δ will soon install its Omicron Chapter at the University of California.

Φ Κ Ψ has forty-one active alumni associations.

Don't!

1. Don't make your chapter expenses so high that you cannot take in the very best men that enter school.
2. Don't take any man unless you are reasonably sure that he can and will pay his bills.
3. Don't allow personal prejudice to influence your choice of men.
4. Don't forget that you are choosing Phi Psis not for the mere four years that they will be at Illinois, but for life and that it's the man that keeps

plugging along through life, that makes a better Phi Psi, and is also one who is liable to do the chapter the most good.—Shield of Φ Ψ .

A Non-Fraternity Federation.

Of large significance to those interested in the growth of the spirit of democracy among the American colleges, says the Outlook, is the recent formation of the National Commons Club, whose second annual convention was held in January, at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. This federation of the non-fraternity clubs of the Eastern colleges was established in December, 1906, at Dartmouth, and is now composed of societies of neutrals from Brown, Wesleyan, Norwich, and Middlebury, while the non-fraternity elements at Amherst, Union, and Colgate, which were also represented at the recent convention, seem likely to ally themselves with the central organization in the near future. It is the endeavor of the individual clubs to unite the non-fraternity elements of their respective colleges into strong organizations, thus securing to them the many advantages which such associations naturally vouchsafe. While in no sense anti-fraternity, they endeavor to give an opportunity to all men of good moral character to join their ranks, irrespective of their wealth or social position. A systematic effort to further extend this influence of the club will be made during the coming year. A New York alumni association has already been formed.—Shield of Φ Ψ .

Summer Work.

And yet to the Phi Psi the mere matter of becoming an alumnus should not be considered as terminating, or even seriously interrupting the relation of the brother to his chapter. Indeed, graduation means the stepping out into the larger brotherhood of the whole fraternity, and perhaps a keener appreciation of what the fraternity means both in and out of college life. Nor should the vacation be a complete hiatus in the work of the chapter. Every live chapter realizes that the summer is an important period in the life of the chapter, to be used in formulating plans and doing preliminary work for the coming year. The time has gone by when a chapter can be kept up to the Phi Psi standard if the undergraduates leave behind them at Commencement all thought of the fraternity and come back at the beginning of the new year in the dark as to what has been done and what is to be done during the opening weeks of the new year for the upbuilding of the chapter. Every chapter should have a special summer committee, composed of brothers living so near together that they can work together effectively, and upon this committee should rest the responsibility not only of keeping in touch with new men, but what is quite as important, seeing to it that as many of the old men as possible come back to the chapter at the beginning of the new year. Sometimes a few letters from members of the chapter will serve to turn the tide of some hesitating brother's purpose toward the continuance of his college course.—The Shield.

As with everything in a college or university, so with a fraternity, the backbone or foundation might well be said to be right in the Freshmen. For as the fraternity isn't a thing of a day, but of all the future, then it is vitally important that in order to succeed you must build upon a good foundation, and to do that you must start the Freshman on the right path in the beginning. If he is started right, with the proper ideas of his fraternity and his own duty to it, then all will be easy thereafter. Let him know and understand that he is the recipient of a rich heritage in his membership with the frater-

nity and that he must pay back his obligations in some way or the other, and that the first and one of the easiest ways is to gain distinction and honors in the little college world in which he moves. When that idea is well in his mind it will stay by him all through his college career. Teach and help him to take an active interest in all class and college affairs and above all to stand for something worth while in the college community.—Shield of Φ Κ Ψ.

House Management.

Iota's chapter house is owned by a corporation, regularly incorporated under the laws of the state of Wisconsin. The shares have a market value of ten dollars apiece and provision is made whereby the members of the chapter shall at all times be able to control the stock. Each member in the active chapter is expected to take one share in the house corporation at the time of her initiation. The dividends paid each year, depend solely upon the amount of money that is made on the house, so that the responsibility of paying the percentage on the investment rests entirely upon the active chapter.

The officers of the corporation, president, secretary and treasurer, chosen from alumnæ members, form a general administrative board. At the annual meeting of the corporation, which is held in June, the "house board", consisting of four alumnæ and three active members, is appointed to manage the house during the ensuing year.—Alpha Phi Quarterly.

Program for Chapter Meetings.

Minnesota Alpha of Pi Beta Phi has issued a carefully prepared program of chapter meetings for the current academic year. Business meetings are held on alternate weeks; the third meeting of each month is a social meeting in charge of a special committee; the first meeting of each month is devoted to topics of general fraternity and educational interest. In the case of the latter the speaker of the evening is always an alumna of the fraternity. The subjects are as follows: "Minnesota Alpha and Its Relation to National Affairs"; "A Fraternity Girl's Experience in the Far East"; "The Fraternity Girl and Her Place in College Life"; "The Fraternity Girl in Her Chapter"; "A Fraternity Girl's Experiences Abroad"; "Famous Pi Phis"; "The Social Side of Fraternity Life"; "A Comprehensive Discussion of Our National Rules and Regulations"; "Do Good Work in College Activities." There is no doubt that such a program guarantees interest in college and fraternity, in both undergraduate and alumnæ members. Appended to the program, which is bound in the fraternity colors, is a list of the members of the social committee, the committee on college activities, the Christmas sale committee, the scholarship committee, and the board of directors of the Minnesota Alpha Pi Beta Phi Association. It is of especial interest to note that on each committee there is an alumna as advisor, and that in the case of the scholarship committee not only is there an alumna advisor, but the chairman of the committee is an alumna and a "faculty lady." There is no need to wonder whether or not this chapter and the alumnæ pull together. Such careful planning, such wise selection and such prudent judgment guarantee the prosperity of the chapter. *Verbum sapienti satis est.*—The Arrow of Phi Beta Phi.

Chapter Libraries.

A chapter library should not seek to be a miniature of a college or public library. Its place is unique, hence books of general interest and value should become a part of it only after it contains matter of college interest, of general

fraternity interest, and of chapter significance. So there should be books by or about *alumnæ* of the college in which the chapter exists, as well as books concerning the history and traditions of the school itself, and all annuals, magazines, or other publications put out by the student body. Books dealing with the evolution of the fraternity system; fraternity policy; the fraternity's relation to educational problems, to the college world, to the individual—in short, hand-books, manuals, historical sketches would be included as well as volumes of all fraternity magazines available. The chapter's chief pride and delight would however be in the possession of books written or compiled by its own initiates, and in volumes telling of work or life of well-known fraternity women.—Arrow of $\Pi B \Phi$.

A Nebraska Custon.

Then comes "Sneak Day," so eagerly looked forward to throughout the college course. No doubt this tradition was called into being as a result of the real "truant playing" instinct, or shall we call it a desire to obey nature's call "to spend as much time as possible in God's great out-of-doors?" So, on a certain day, known only to the class, the Seniors are not to be seen on the campus. They have taken an early train to a near-by town where there are woods "a-plenty." Only those who have participated in this event can know the glorious fun they have on this day of days, when dignity is unknown and there is no such thing as care.

Alumnæ, Attention!

That chapter is generally the most successful and has the greatest stability, which is constantly backed by the strongest band of enthusiastic alumni. Observe that chapter which is shaken and tottering, and you will find that practically speaking it either has no alumni, or its alumni take no interest in it whatsoever. Then observe that chapter whose progress is sure, steady and unwavering, and you no doubt will discover that there is an ever impelling power behind it in the make-up of its alumni, always ready to assist, advise and encourage. Older and experienced heads are continually putting inspiration and new life into a chapter, and at the same time they tend to free the chapter from sudden breaks and changes of policies or conditions, and to insure an even and temperate tone in the life of the chapter from year to year. It must be clearly evident then that to obtain its best possible development the chapter should not attempt to exist separate from its alumni.

First among the factors essential to the successful and efficient life of an alumni chapter are dinners at frequent enough intervals to get the members really acquainted among themselves. These dinners should be attractive and enjoyable enough in themselves to insure a regular attendance aside from any consideration of fraternity loyalty.

Another necessary factor for the success of an alumni chapter is a nucleus of devoted and dependable men who can be counted on to look after the detail and drudgery of the organization. They are the men who let nothing prevent their being at every dinner, who take extra pains to bring out new men and to stir up and remind some of the more forgetful members of their obligations. Every member of an alumni chapter which is not really measuring up to the mark set by the Arch Chapter has his personal responsibility—then he is to a greater or less degree also responsible for every other member.—Rainbow of $\Delta T \Delta$.

The Scholarship Problem.

Recently there has been introduced in the Greek letter world, a determined effort toward higher standard of scholarship. There have been many plans tried with varying success, but the most improvement in all cases is noticeably among the upper classmen. The younger students seem to require some strong impetus to spur them on to do better work. This is one of the great problems of the present day and as a remedy, I would suggest that a pledge should be required to attain a high scholarship before being initiated. For those already initiated, in order that they may not become lax in their work a plan somewhat similar to that of the Wisconsin chapter of Phi Gamma Delta might be effective, namely, that of engraving the name of the Freshman with the highest scholarship standing, on the chapter's silver loving-cup, at the end of each semester. If there is need of an incentive, let the incentive be worthy of good work.—Alpha Xi Delta.

"Good Scholarship"—A Requirement for Membership in Phi Kappa Psi.

"The first requirement of a fraternity man is that he keep up his college work. To do this he need not be a brilliant student nor need he be a book-worm." Now in talking on this subject, I do not say that good scholarship should be *the* requirement; but that it should be a requirement. Brother Gretzinger does not mean that chapters are to seek and select men simply because they stand high scholastically,—that good scholarship should be the basis of membership but that good scholarship be a very important requirement. This means that every man,—be he athlete, social mixer, journalist or orator,—must be able to keep up in his studies. It means that, when a man is discussing in the chapter meeting, after his appearance, character, congeniality, and talent have all been passed upon, then one of the final questions should be: "Does he, and can he keep up in his classes?" And then, after he gets into the fraternity, it means that the chapter will see that he does not tend to fall below passing.

The Seniors are the men who outline the policy of the chapter, and set the examples which are followed by the underclassmen, and especially by the newly initiated Freshmen. If the Seniors are lax in their work and are accustomed to get through each year by a "close shave," the Freshmen will try to do the same, and a general lowering of the standard of the chapter follows.

When a chapter is in such a condition as just described, there is a chance that it may soon become an underclass fraternity, that is, that the men will tend not to graduate but will in many cases drop out before their Junior or Senior years. The underclassmen either flunk out and are asked by the faculty not to come back, or they are taken out by their parents. To mold your underclassmen into good fraternity material and keep them in school you must have upperclassmen who are not lax but who are in school with fixed purposes.

When our fraternity, and many others were founded, if it had not been for this requirement in scholarship, their lives would have been cut short in early infancy. At that time the college authorities were opposed to secret organizations; but when it became evident that the first men in school—the men who stood well in scholarship as well as in outside activities—were members of these supposedly pernicious organizations—then the faculties gave their consent and approval. These men have "made good" out in the world and their advice should count for something.—The Shield.

On the surface it would seem that a scholarship basis for membership would remove a great objection raised against the fraternity system on the part of faculty, parents, and outsiders. It would, moreover, seem to remove this objection in two ways. In the first place the fraternity would become a direct incentive to closer application to work. The fraternity members would take care not to over rush a student lest she be kept from her work and fail so as to become ineligible. The rushees themselves would take every precaution not to fall below the standard. This would directly benefit those being considered for membership. Secondly, the fraternity girls themselves would be benefited. They would necessarily be those of sufficient ability to attain a certain standard, and having once attained it would be likely to maintain it. If scholarship were made a prerequisite, persons once admitted would take care lest the standard of continued membership fall below that of eligibility for admission.

Further than this, a scholarship basis would seem to immediately place fraternity membership on a higher plane. The very fact that all the fraternities of a Pan-Hellenic put themselves on record as considering scholarship desirable above mere attractiveness or popularity would show outsiders that fraternity life is based on serious principles. Persons who now look with disapproval would be led to respect the fraternity as a factor in academic life instead of an essentially social organization.—Kappa Alpha Theta.

Warning to Fraternities at Stanford.

President Jordan has sent a circular letter to all the Greek letter fraternities on the Stanford campus stating that during the last seven years the fraternities have had, as a whole, a depressing influence on the scholarship of the college, and suggesting for discussion various reform measures to remedy this deficiency. President Jordan says he has great faith in the fraternity system, and he thinks it can be made an agency for good. He hopes the reform will come from within, but he intimates that if the reform does not come from within there will be some university regulation of fraternities.

The rule which President Jordan especially proposes for the consideration of the men living in chapter houses provides that if the record in scholarship of any fraternity falls below the general average of the undergraduate body, that fraternity shall not be allowed for the following year to receive in its chapter house any new members who have not completed a semester in college without condition.

The letter states that the movement to improve the scholarship of fraternities is going on all along the line in other institutions, and that if the fraternities are to pull consistently downward, the fraternity system must be considered a failure. The president then outlines the various reforms which the other universities are trying and asks that the Greek letter men here consider these reforms as well as the one advanced by himself.

President Jordan's letter was sent to all fraternities at Stanford, but not to the sororities. The fraternity men regard the epistle as a warning, and it has aroused much discussion among the men concerned. At the same time, in view of President Jordan's statement that during the past semester the fraternities have consistently improved in scholarship, it is not thought that the authorities intend immediate action, but rather discussion and improvement from within.—Stanford University dispatch, February 10, in San Francisco Chronicle.

COLLEGIATE NEWS

Stanford University has all the women its charter will permit, which number is 500.

Last year the number of students suspended at Stanford for delinquent scholarship was 232. Three and two-tenths of the sorority women were suspended, 3.6 of non-sorority women, 28 per cent. of fraternity men, 12½ per cent. of non-fraternity men. Thus, comparing the records of the women living in the six sorority houses on the campus with the non-sorority women living in the college dormitory, we see they are practically identical, yet the sorority women are much more given to society. There are fewer failures in scholarship among women than among men, among non-fraternity men than fraternity men.—Independent.

The students of the University of California celebrate Labor Day by all turning out to beautify the campus. The civil engineers superintend the grading of roads and cutting of new paths—the arboriculturists the planting and trimming of trees and shrubbery; a season of general clearing out and putting to rights—a working day of socialistic brevity, for shortly after noon the boys are called from their labors to a bean feast prepared by the girls in the gymnasium, and the afternoon and evening are spent in sports and merrymaking. The value of the work done last Labor Day was estimated at \$2,800, but the greater gain to the University in the development of an interest in the looks of the campus cannot be estimated in dollars. This Labor Day, however, comes only once in four years, the date being February 29.—Independent.

The Outlook for May 22 gives a review of Mr. Birdseye's book, "The Reorganization of Our Colleges." It commends Mr. Birdseye's suggestion that the college follow the method of the modern commercial corporation, and form an administrative department, whose function it would be to study the conditions in the college, discover where it is weak, and plan its organization. It would reorganize college finance, college marking system, and bring about a reform in the college life of the students.

The University of Idaho has been added to the list on the Carnegie Foundation for the advancement of teaching.

The University of Idaho has a very strong military department, and in proportion to its size sent a greater number of volunteers to the front in the war with Spain than did any other college in the United States.

The determined stand of the girls of Wooster University, Wooster, O., caused the abrogation of an order that the girls' college fraternities must die. The girls threatened to strike if the order was not withdrawn, and the fraternity boys, fearing a similar order against their societies, offered to join in a walkout. The faculty has taken the matter under advisement, and when a decision has been reached, final action will be taken.—*American Educational Review*.

The University of Missouri has a new course, said to be the only one of its kind. It is known as the playgrounds' course, and its purpose is to teach men and women how to organize, construct and direct playgrounds for children.

President Angell is to be presented with a \$1,000 loving-cup by the students of the University of Michigan.—*American Educational Review*.

There are eighteen cosmopolitan clubs in American colleges with a membership of 1,400 students, representing fifty-five foreign countries.

Harvard has a Chinese Club of thirty-one members.

Northwestern University has completed two important new buildings this spring—one, the gymnasium, the gift of Mr. James A. Patten, costing about \$200,000—the other, Swift Hall of Engineering, valued at about \$150,000. In 1854 Northwestern University was worth \$281,915; now its total wealth is more than \$9,000,000.

Kansas is now the scene of an attack on fraternities. A bill is already introduced in the legislature providing for the abolition of fraternities and other secret organizations at the state educational institution. Fraternity men think they can hold their own, however.—*S X Quarterly*.

Cornell University is seeking a new emblem for printing, jewel-

ry, sculpture, stained glass, etc., and announces a competition open to all students and graduates of the University.—A Φ Quarterly.

Tonfu Hu has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Cornell, being the first Chinaman ever elected a member of that honorary fraternity, there.—A Φ Quarterly.

One of the events of Commencement week next June at the University of Wisconsin will be the unveiling of a life-sized statue of Abraham Lincoln. This announcement was made at the time of the Lincoln Centenary and caused great rejoicing. The statue is a replica of the heroic bronze one by Adolph Weimann which will be unveiled at Hodgenville, Kentucky, Memorial Day. The commissioners consented to allow one replica to be cast and Mr. Thomas E. Brittingham of Madison has presented this to the University.—Alpha Xi Delta.

After the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition closes next fall, permanent buildings valued at \$600,000 will be inherited by the University of Washington, on whose campus the exposition will be held. Three of the largest exposition buildings will become the University Auditorium, Mechanics' Hall and Chemistry Building. The University will also benefit by the expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars in parking the grounds. The Stadium, built for athletic events during the exposition, will revert to the University.—Scroll of Φ Δ Θ.

A bill has been introduced in the Wisconsin legislature which provides that no student can be expelled from the State University without a trial before a court of law.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Illinois is the latest of the universities to swing into line with a students' council. Harvard, Yale, and Princeton now all are more or less governed, as far as the undergraduate body is concerned, by an organization of students which has a powerful and wholesome influence on campus affairs. Trinity College is considering the organization of a students' council.—American Educational Review.

Dr. J. Ackerman Coles of Scotch Plains, N. J., has established a rather unusual prize for members of the Cliosophic Society at Princeton. The accumulated interest on \$1,000, amounting to \$160, is to be applied every four years for the purchase of a bust of Wash-

ington, to be cast in bronze at the Bartedienne foundry in France, from the model made from life by Jean Antoine Houdin in 1788. The bust is to be awarded to the member who delivers the best patriotic oration. The donor desires the contest to be held in public, and that the President of the University shall act as one of the judges.—American Educational Review.

The college board of the Oklahoma State Baptist Conference has selected a site at Oklahoma City for the location of a university, to which John D. Rockefeller has promised to give \$500,000. It will be one of the largest denominational colleges in the southwest and will cost probably \$1,000,000.—American Educational Review.

Barnard College will have a new \$450,000 Household Arts Building ready for the beginning of the school year in September. Seventy courses of instruction, distributed among ten departments, are announced. The first of these, household arts education, will include the present courses in this field. There will be five courses in nutrition, five in household and physiological chemistry of foods, digestion and sanitation, six in foods and cookery, and seven in textiles, treating of the constitution and use of textile fabrics, particularly in economic, hygienic and artistic dress. Courses will also be given in household art, decoration and art appreciation, ten courses in household administration, hospital economy, and even courses in house structure and sanitation.—American Educational Review.

By the death of Mrs. Josephine Louise Newcomb in New York last month the Sophie Newcomb Memorial College for Young Women of New Orleans receives a bequest of \$1,500,000. This, together with \$1,000,000 already given, makes this college the richest and most complete school for women in the South. Mrs. Newcomb founded the College in memory of her only child who died several years ago at the age of fifteen. The school occupies an old imitation English baronial castle, once the property of an eccentric millionaire, and in the original art gallery of the building are the playthings and souvenirs of the childhood of Sophie Newcomb. It is said that Mrs. Newcomb's bequest is the largest ever given to education by any southern man or woman.—American Educational Review.

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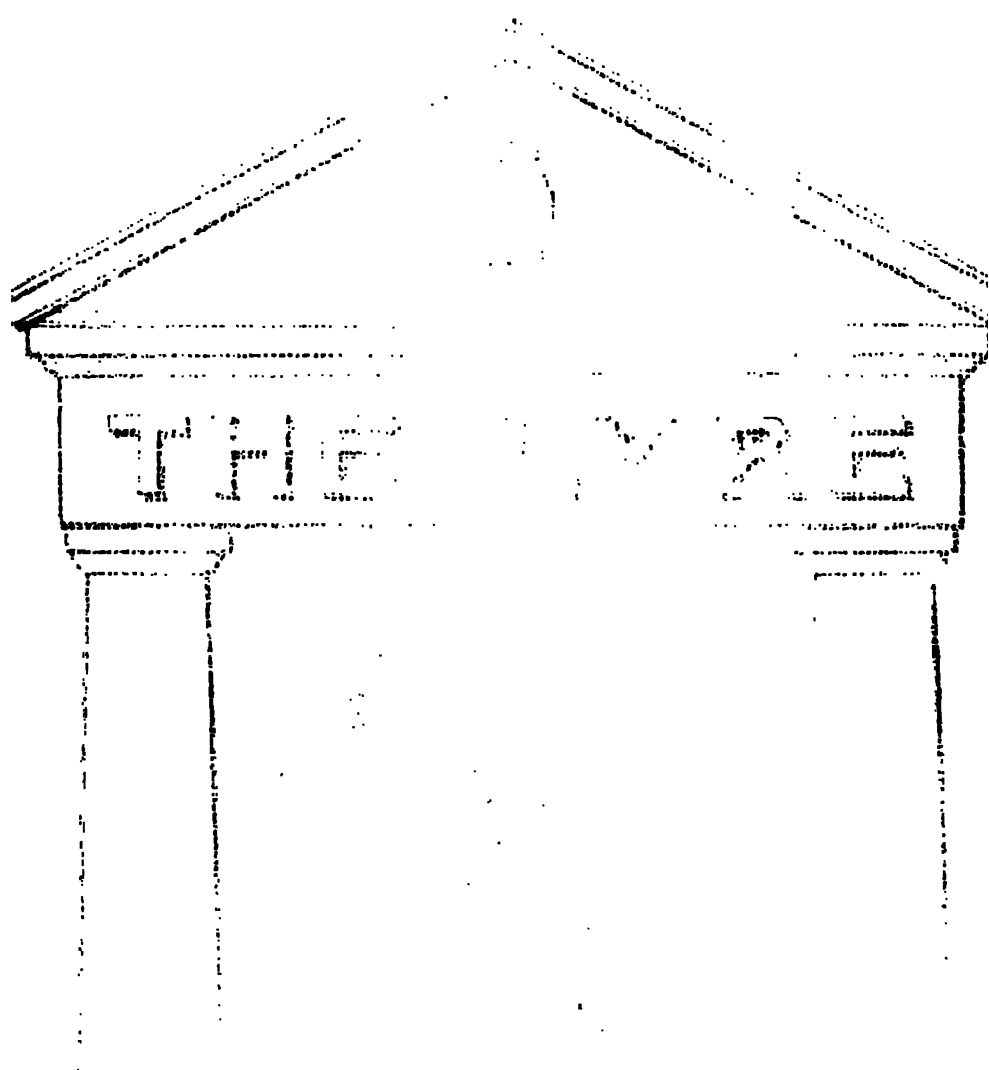
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